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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

1947 - 1952

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January 22, 1947.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held in this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at

Present: Chairman William P. Long and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Frank R. Kelley.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

J. A. Singarella Company - 2nd estimate - Construction of New Convenience Station for Women, Public Garden, Boston.....	$ 1,980.00
John Deveney & Company - 1st estimate - Asphalt Surfacing on John J. Doherty Playground, Charlestown	4,772.62
Mystic Building Wrecking Co. - 1st estimate - Demolishing and Removing the Field Houses at the Cherry Street Playground,	1,258.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous expenses in connection with their employment,	278.55
City Building Wrecking Co. - 1st estimate - Demolishing and Removing Portions of the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, Dorchester	2,694.50
M. S. Kelliher Company 2nd estimate - New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	13,495.50
Patrick J. Sullivan - 3rd and final estimate - Repointing, Painting and Repairs to the Roxbury Standpipe, Fort Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts	1,807.25
War Assets Corporation - Purchase of supplies for Park Department	537.56
M. Solimando - 3rd and final estimate - Extension and Renovation of Greenhouses at Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts	4,236.44
J. D'Amico - 1st & quantities final estimate - Excavating, Loaming, Concrete Walks and Seats at Oak Square, Brighton, Massachusetts	3,848.93
J. A. Singarella Co. - 3rd estimate - Construction of New Convenience Station for Women, Public Garden, Boston, Massachusetts	2,776.50
Gil Wyner Company - 2nd & final estimate - Laying Asphalt Surfacing on McLean Playground, E. Boston	1,402.01
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous expenses in connection with their employment	330.99
J. W. Praught - 1st estimate - Furnishing and Installing New Steam Boiler at the Franklin Park Yard Office Building ..	1,324.30
Walter Reed Corporation - 2nd estimate - Constructing a Playground at Oak Square, Brighton, Massachusetts	1,354.13
Warren Brothers Roads Company - Surfacing with Sheet Asphalt the Tennis Courts at Readville Playground, Readville, Massachusetts	1,900.24
M. S. Kelliher Company - 3rd estimate - New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	5,930.10
J. A. Singarella Company - 4th estimate - Construction of New Convenience Station for Women, Public Garden, Boston, Massachusetts	4,432.50
C. Corkin & Sins, Inc. - 1st estimate - Demolishing and Removing the Bath House at Dewey Beach, Charlestown, Mass.	3,268.25

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $6500.00, available on the dates indicated, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $ 6,500.00, 12.2.46
7,181.08, 12.16.46

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It was voted to approve the following requests for building alterations, submitted to this department by the Building Department:

208 Commonwealth Avenue - Request for amendment in accordance with plan filed. Submitted by Mr. Paul Bromley.
123 Commonwealth Avenue - Remodel building and change occupancy to nine apartments. Request of Mr. S. G. Rosenberg.
13 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from one-family dwelling to doctors' offices and lodgings. Request of Mr. Fred Arata.
36 Commonwealth Avenue - Repair and maintenance work. Request of Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston.
18 Commonwealth Avenue - Interior changes and change of occupancy to apartments on fourth and fifth floors.
50 Beacon Street - Change in occupancy of building to permit furniture shop to move in store recently occupied by tailor.
5 Park Street - Interior alterations to permit office space in basement, living rooms on upper floors. Request of Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle.
230 Fenway - Change of occupancy from hospital to Museum School of Art. Request of Museum of Fine Arts, Inc.
230 Fenway - Request for further changes in this building. Request of Museum of Fine Arts, Inc.
74 Beacon Street - Interior alterations to building. Request of A. W. Classon.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Thursday, October 10, 1946, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Franklin Park, Riverway and Commonwealth Avenue", as follows:

*John Deveney Co., 17 St. Ann Street, Jamaica Plain	$112,095.00 *
Charles Struzziery Co., 9 Struzziery Terrace, Roslindale	135,349.00
Warren Brothers Roads Company, 38 Memorial Dr., Cambridge	141,163.00

It was voted that the matter of awarding the contract be laid on the table.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, December 17, 1946, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Excavating and Loaming at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Daniel J. Shea, 73 Tremont Street, Boston	$ 5,537.00
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	5,850.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 95 Prince Street, Jamaica Plain	6,450.00
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston St., Boston	6,700.00
David M. Biggs & Company, 608a Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester	6,770.00
J. D'Amico, 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	7,830.00
M. McGinnis Co., 34 Brookley Road, Boston 30	7,650.00
Caruso & Barone Inc., 342 Commonwealth Ave., Boston . . .	7,950.00
James A. Susi, 90 Cornell Street, Roslindale	10,700.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract to Daniel J. Shea, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, the low bidder, for the approximate sum of $5,537.00, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, "B-42, Miscellaneous Services", in the Cemetery Division of this Department.

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to increase the amount of Service Order issued to C. J. Maney Company 24 Dane Street, Somerville, for certain work at Cleveland Circle playground, from the original estimate of $950.00 to $1800.00. The reason for the increase is that additional work was found to be necessary after the job had been started, such as installing new catch basins, new pipes, etc., breaking out of old asphalt surfacing, furnishing and spreading loam where old surfacing is removed, and doing necessary excavating, backfilling, etc. All to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

It was voted to approve the permanent appointment of John J. Lydon and James F. Nolan as first-class firemen at salary of $45.68 per week with increase to $49.18 at the end of one year, which is the salary paid engineers and firemen in this department.

* See note meeting 2/12/47

It was voted to approve the permanent appointment of William J. Glennon, 47 Mansfield Street, Allston, as Supervisor of Projects and Statistics at $40.00 per week plus $200 per year emergency compensation allotment, effective as of December 4, 1946.

It was voted to approve the permanent appointment of the following laborers at $5.50 per day plus $100 per year emergency compensation allotment, effective on the dates indicated:

Thomas J. Waldron, 32 Blenford Road, Brighton,	12.9.46
Henry Bois, 615 Bennington Street, E. Boston,	12.6.46
Burton L. G. Sellon, 35 Oakburn Avenue, Roxbury,	12.9.46
Nicholas R. Aliberti, 17 Corey St., Charlestown,	10.10.46
Daniel A. Cocuzzo, 4 Chestnut Place, Brighton,	12.6.46

It was voted to approve the permanent appointment of Joseph Burke, 201 Hamilton Street, Dorchester, as a third-class engineer in this department at a salary of $38.00 per week plus $200 per year emergency compensation allotment, effective December 11, 1946.

It was voted to approve an increase in salary of Arthur P. Sullivan, 10 Cassnet Street, Dorchester, golf course worker in this department, from $38.76 per week to $41.76 per week, effective December 12, 1946.

It was voted to accept the retirement of Robert F. Mulvey, zoo attendant in this department for reason of accidental disability, effective as of November 30, 1946, following action by the Medical Board of the Boston Retirement System and the Boston Retirement Board in retiring him for that reason.

It was voted to accept the resignation of Paul E. Parker, at present a United States Naval Commander, from his position in this department as a grade II engineer, said position having been held in reserve for him during his military service.

It was voted to accept the resignation from his position as clerk in this department of Arthur J. Murphy, recently discharged with the rank of major in the United States Army Air Force, said position having been held in reserve for him during his military service.

Consideration was given the request of the St. George Syrian Orthodox Church Parish that a plot of land at Mount Hope Cemetery, indicated on a drawing submitted, be reserved for the exclusive use of this parish and lots sold only to members of it. It was voted not to grant the request.

It was voted to relinquish 13,155 Square feet of park land at Cleveland Circle, upon request of the Board of Street Commissioners, for the purpose of widening Beacon Street on its northerly side from the Newton city line easterly, approximately 645 feet.

An Order of the City Council was brought to the attention of the Board whereby the Board of Park Commissioners was authorized to sell to the John Hancock Life Insurance Company a certain parcel of land containing approximately 4703 square feet of land situated on the northerly side of Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway at the junction of Farmington Road in the West Roxbury district of the City of Boston, for the sum of $200.00, said land having been declared no longer needed for park purposes. The Order was in City Council December 2, 1946 and approved by the Mayor on December 3, 1946.

An Order of the City Council was brought to the attention of the Board authorizing the Board of Park Commissioners to sell to Samuel G. Fish of Boston a certain parcel of land containing approximately 33,014 square feet of land on the southerly side of Chestnut Hill Avenue at Cleveland Circle, no longer required for park purposes, for the sum of $33,014, with certain rights in and through said land reserved to the City. In City Council December 2, 1946 and approved by the Mayor on December 31, 1946. Sale ratified as per vote of Board on November 26, 1946.

Circular Letter No. 23 from the office of the Mayor relating to salary adjustments effective January 1, 1947 was brought to the attention of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J. Keefe
Secretary

February 12, 1947.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 11:05 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman William P. Long and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Frank R. Kelley.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment	$ 296.76
Warren Brothers Roads Company - 2nd and final payment - Surfacing with Sheet Asphalt the Tennis Courts at Readville Playground, Readville	333.97
City Building Wrecking Company - 2nd and final estimate - Demolishing and Removing Portions of the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, Dorchester	475.50
Mystic Building Wrecking Co. - 2nd & final estimate - Demolishing and Removing the Field Houses at the Cherry Street Playground, South End, and at the West Third Street Playground, South Boston	222.00
J. D'Amico - 2nd and final payment - Excavating, Loaming, Concrete Walks and Seats at Oak Square, Brighton . . .	739.22

Unfinished business, laid on table at previous meeting: At the last meeting, held on January 22, 1947, a list of bids was presented to the Board that had been opened at this office on October 10, 1946, for "Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Franklin Park, Riverway and Commonwealth Avenue". The John Deveney Company was the lowest bidder, but the approval of the Mayor to the award of a contract to this company was not given until December 19, 1946. Mr. Deveney then stated that between the time of the opening of bids and the approval of the Mayor to the award of the contract, prices for skilled and unskilled labor had increased considerably and he could not then do the work for the price he had bid earlier, $112,095.00. Accordingly, it was voted to grant Mr. Deveney permission to withdraw his bid and that his certified check be returned to him.

It was voted to approve the following applications for changes in buildings on Commonwealth Avenue, referred to this department by the Building Department:

18 Commonwealth Avenue	Request of Saul B. Levitan for permission to amend plans of building at this location. Interior changes.
293 Commonwealth Avenue	Request of Murdock Realty Trust Inc., for permit to alter building at this location. Interior changes.
295 Commonwealth Avenue	Request of Murdock Realty Trust Inc., for permit to alter building at this location. Interior changes.
332 Commonwealth Avenue	Request of Mr. Lew Harlen for interior changes at this location.

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he issue an order on the City Council for an appropriation of $60,000 from the income of the General Cemetery Fund to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioner for Cemetery Division maintenance and improvement. Permitted under the provisions of Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913.

A form of notice from the Clerk of Committees was presented to the Board for consideration, stating that a meeting of the City Council Committee on Parks and Playgrounds will be held in the Executive Room of the City Council, on Thursday, January 23, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of permitting the parking of automobiles on the Commonwealth Avenue reservation between Exeter Street and Kenmore Square. The Board voted to disapprove any request for such permission.

It was voted to approve the action taken by the Committee for Memorializing Veterans in re-naming the Parker Hill Playground the "Lt. Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground", said action having been referred to the Board by the Committee for approval.

It was voted to approve the action taken by the Committee for Memorializing Veterans in naming the circle at Preble Street and Old Colony Avenue the "Sergeant Alexander Pacuska Circle", said action having been referred to the Board by the Committee for approval.

It was voted to approve the following promotions and adjustments in compensation:

> William P. Long, Chairman Board of Park Commissioners - Salary increased from $7000 to $8000 per year in accordance with City Ordinance passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor.
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> Antonio Savini, Temporary Custodian, salary increased from $23.84 to $27.68 per week.
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> Joseph A. Foley, Temporary Custodian, salary increased from $1800 to $2000 per year.
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> John J. Keane, change in rating from Assistant Greenkeeper to Acting Foreman of Greenhouse - no change in salary.
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> William Webster, change in rating from Laborer to Chauffeur, no change in salary.

It was voted to approve the transfer of Pasquale Guange, 349 Hanover Street, Boston, from his position as elevator operator in the Public Buildings Department at $39.68 per week to the Park Department as a laborer at $38.76 per week, effective February 19, 1947.

It was voted to approve the appointment of Louis J. Brems, 552 Poplar Street, Roslindale, as Clerk-Patriotic Instructor in this department at $2600.00 per year, effective as of February 15, 1947.

It was voted to approve the discharge of Burton L. G. Sellon as of January 14, 1947, on complaint of Daniel J. Harkins, Curator of the Zoo, and Deputy Commissioner John J. Murphy that he was unreliable and unfit for the type of work required of him. He had been appointed to a laborer's position in this department on December 9, 1946.

It was voted to accept the request of Mr. John Dillon of 8 Sachem Street, Roxbury, for retirement from his position as a gardening-laborer in this department under provisions of General Laws, ch. 32, sec. 57, as amended. Mr. Dillon was subsequently retired under the veterans' retirement act on January 21, 1947.

The following Cemetery Division employees were retired on the dates indicated:

> Thomas Barrett, laborer, retired November 26, 1946
> Michael Scully, gardening laborer, retired February 4, 1947.

Both were retired on half pay under Veterans' Retirement Act.

John Walsh, mason, was retired December 31, 1946, by Boston Retirement Board.

It was voted that in the absence of Commissioner William P. Long on vacation, from February 15 on, Commissioner Theodore C. Haffenreffer or Frank R. Kelley, whichever one is available, be authorized to serve as Acting Chairman with authority to sign payrolls and other necessary papers for the proper conduct of department business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

April 9, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today at 11:10 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman William P. Long and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Frank R. Kelley.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of minutes of last meeting.

The following special drafts were appreved for payment:

M. S. Kelliher Co. - 4th est. - New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	$ 3,961.80
C. Corkin & Sons, Inc., - 2nd and final payment - Demolishing and Removing the Bath House at Dewey Beach, Charlestown	576.75
Walter Reed Corporation - 3rd and final payment - Constructing a Playground at Oak Square, Brighton, Massachusetts	2,169.73
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment March 4,	280.39
Expenses paid to Cemetery Division employees, 3.4.47	33.94
Expenses paid to Park Division employees, 4.3.47	239.26
Expenses paid to Cemetery Division employees, 4.3.47	36.64
J. W. Praught Co. - 2nd and final payment - Furnishing and Installing New Steam Boiler at the Franklin Park Yard Office Building, Franklin Park	308.70
J. A. Singarella Co. - 6th estimate - Construction of Women's Solarium and New Fence at L Street Bath House, South Boston, Massachusetts,	5,228.12
M. S. Kelliher Company - 5th estimate - New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	3,398.40
John Rugo - 1st estimate - Alteration and Repairs to Columbus Park Field House opposite Preble Street, South Boston, Massachusetts	6,691.50
J. A. Singarella Company - 5th estimate - Construction of New Convenience Station for Women, Public Garden, Boston, Massachusetts	3,552.30

It was voted to approve the following requests for alterations to buildings on park roads, referred to this department by the Building Department:

197 Commonwealth Avenue - Request for change of occupancy and conversion of building from private residence into an apartment house of eleven apartments. Request of Frances B. Christian, c/o Clark F. Merrick, architect.

226 Commonwealth Avenue - Alteration of building to provide six separate apartments. Request of Winthrop Parkway, Inc.

388-390 Columbia Road - Request to erect building for fruit and produce market, type IV construction. Presented by Hyman Yanoff.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, February 11, 1947, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Painting the Parkman House, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

C. Dale Garbutt, Inc., 30 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere...	$ 2,440.00
John T. Bradley, 1357 Washington St., W. Newton, Mass.....	3,129.00
M. Melchiono Co., 23 Kenmore Road, Medford	3,177.00
Max Cahn, 171 Glenway Street, Dorchester	3,185.00
R. Tweed & Son, 499 Huntington Avenue, Boston	3,347.00
Realty Maintenance Co., 230 Boylston Street, Boston.	3,385.00
M. L. McDonald Co., 15 Crawford Street, Watertown	3,385.00
Patrick J. Sullivan, 60 Cohasset Street, Roslindale	3,430.00
Careful Cleaning Co., 184 Boylston Street, Boston	3,455.00
Boston Painting & Decorating Co., 141 Northampton St.,Bos.	3,650.00
John D. Ahern, 88 Bayswater Street, East Boston	3,700.00
Russell E. McCassey, Inc., 1261 Washington St., W. Newton.	3,740.00
George J. Bartley Co., 10 Broad Street, Boston	3,919.00
H. Piken & Co., 1650 Beacon Street, Brookline	3,955.00
Nicholas Bello, 91 Florida Street, Dorchester	4,030.00
John M. Kennedy, 60 Radcliffe Street, Dorchester	4,268.00

It was voted to approve the award of the above contract to C. Dale Garbutt, Inc., 30 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, Massachusetts, for the sum of $2,440.00, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, "Park Department B-39".

It was voted to approve the award of a service order to the Clyde Everett Equipment Company for the repair of four steam and gas rollers in this department, at a cost of $1824.96, to be charged to B-39 Park Department.

It was voted to approve the award of a service order to the Reids Ship Yard, Winthrop, for the repair of 15 lifeguard boats used at our beaches during the summer months, at a cost of $1525.00, same to be charged to B-39 Park Department budget.

Consideration was given the request of Dr. Arthur Y. Shain, President Men's Council, Jewish Tuberculosis Sanatorium, for purchase of land containing about three acres on Parker Hill Street, Roxbury, adjacent to the Robert Brigham Hospital, said land being in custody of this department for park purposes. It was originally acquired by eminent domain by the City of Boston for hospital purposes and later transferred by an act of Legislature, in 1925, to custody of Park Department for park purposes. It was voted that the request be held over for the present, until advice can be obtained as to whether or not legislative action is necessary for the sale of such land.

It was voted to approve a request upon Charles E. Manion, Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners, that he prepare a plan of a taking of land and buildings thereon, on the northerly side of Tremont Street, Roxbury, just east of the Roxbury branch of the Public Library, the land to be used as a site for a municipal building. The request was approved pending a decision from the Law Department on several legal matters pertaining to the taking.

It was voted to approve a leave of absence without pay, for a period of six months beginning January 29, 1947, for Hugh F. Lynch of 7 Cluney Court, Roxbury, laborer at $38.76 per week, to permit him to serve a provisional appointment in the Fire Department for the purpose of obtaining permanent appointment in that department if possible. He is a veteran.

It was voted to approve the following appointments to permanent positions in the Park and Cemetery divisions of this department:

Lester A. Anderson, 82 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, appointed to position as Bear Keeper, at $38.76 per week - Park Division.

Cemetery Division Appointments - Grave Diggers at $38.76 per week

Joseph M. Rourke,	15 Round Hill Street, Jamaica Plain
Nicholas R. Puorro,	9 Bickford Avenue, Roxbury
Louis J. O'Brien,	44 Juliette Street, Dorchester
William J. O'Brien,	12 Tuttle Street, Dorchester
Edward J. Sweeney,	20 Bataan Court, Roxbury
James F. Donovan,	140 Boston Street, South Boston
Leo A. Conley,	27 Bournedale Rd., Jamaica Plain.

The matter of the discontinuance of some Park Department lands as victory gardens areas and the restoring of them to their former use as recreation areas was brought up for discussion. It was agreed that the Playstead area in Franklin Park, comprising about two-fifths of the victory garden area in Franklin Park, be restored to its original use as a play area.

The following-named employees of the Park Department were retired by the Boston Retirement Board, effective on the dates mentioned:

James F. McNamara	Laborer	February 28, 1947
Dennis M. Moriarty	"	" " "
John Dunning	"	March 31, 1947
Anthony R. Canavan	Gardener-laborer	" " "
Charles E. Richards	Carpenter	" " "
Thomas Butler	Gardener-laborer	" " "

Circular Letter No. 4, from the office of the Mayor, explaining the new procedure in the matter of adjusting employees' grievances was read for the information of the Board.

Circular Letter No. 5, from the office of the Mayor, was read for the information of the Board. This relates to the order to disregard the provisions of the ordinance relating to vacation and sick leave for employees which became effective in 1945, for the reason that the Corporation Counsel has ruled that Chapter 7 of such ordinance is void.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

April 29, 1947.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 11:20 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman William P. Long and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Frank R. Kelley.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Burgess & Blacher Co. - First estimate - Repairs to Roof at Cabot Street Bath, Roxbury, Massachusetts	$ 4,726.85
M. S. Kelliher Company - Sixth estimate - New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	3,020.40
C. Dale Garbutt, Inc. - First estimate - Painting the Parkman House, 33 Beacon Street, Boston	2,269.50
John Rugo - Second estimate - Alterations and Repairs to Columbus Park Field House opposite Preble Street, South Boston	8,590.50

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $48,000.00 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$48,000.00

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The following building permits, referred to the Park Department, by the Building Department, were approved:

245 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from four to five apartments. Request of Lewis Lissack.

1416 Columbia Road - Alterations to concrete loading platform, and put doors in present exterior openings.

It was voted to approve the issuance of a service order to Fred Ralston & Co., 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, for work on trees in the Franklin Park area - trimming, cutting, and removal of dead trees, as directed, - for a sum not to exceed $1900.00. The contractor is to furnish a truck at the rate of $1.00 per hour and the necessary men at the rate of $1.50 per hour, the total cost to be charged to B-39 in the budget.

It was voted that unpaid rental in the sum of $500.00 due for the season of 1946 under a lease for the refreshment concession at Carson Beach, Columbus Park, South Boston, held by Daniel E. Hurley, be abated because of general business conditions at the beach last summer and several difficulties encountered there. ✓

It was voted that William P. Long, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, be empowered to sign all contracts and leases and such other papers that may come before this department for the proper conduct of the business of the department, for the period from May 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948, and that notice of this vote be sent to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

In accordance with a request of the Board of Park Commissioners, approved by vote of the Board on April 9, 1947, the Board of Street Commissioners and the Law Department of the City of Boston have prepared all preliminary work in connection with a taking of land on Tremont Street, Roxbury, and it was therefore

> Voted: That Charles E. Mannion, Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners, be requested to make a taking of land and buildings on the northerly side of Tremont Street, Roxbury, just east of the Roxbury branch of the Public Library, for recreation and playground purposes, said land containing in all 39,742 square feet.

It was voted that the Board of Park Commissioners assent to the sale of certain land situate on the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, said land having been taken by right of eminent domain by the Board of Park Commissioners on October 22, 1894, as evidenced by the instrument recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2244, page 545, and which is still held for park purposes but was authorized for sale by act of Legislature in April 1947.

It was voted to approve the following permanent appointments as matrons in this department at wages of $29.68 per week, services to begin April 21, 1947:

Kathleen M. Caswell, 1626 Columbia Road, South Boston
Bridget A. Jordan, 4 Adams Street, Charlestown
Della A. Powers, 11 St. Brenden Road, Dorchester
Bridget Leonard, 69 Montebello Road, Jamaica Plain
Mary W. Linton, 374 Athens Street, South Boston

It was voted to approve the following permanent appointments as laborers in this department at wages of $38.76 per week, services to begin April 28, 1947:

Patrick J. Lane, 3 Elton Street, Dorchester
Adam B. DiOrio, 51 Sheafe Street, Boston
Martin J. Manning, 37 Mt. Ida Road, Dorchester
Vincent E. Black, 62 Torrey Street, Dorchester
Edward J. Nash, 24 Howell Street, South Boston
Joseph E. Talbot, 86 Mercer Street, South Boston
John J. Kelly, 35 Burke Street, South Boston
Raymond J. Conway, 100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury
Walter M. Novak, 68 Harvest Street, Dorchester
Harry L. Popiano, 10 North Bennet Street, Boston

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It was voted to approve the following step-rate increases for employees of this department, provision for which was made in the budget of 1947:

Name	Rating	From	To	Effective
Daniel J. Byrne,	Assistant Engineer, Gr. 4	$3400	- 3500 yr.	4.26.47
Edward M. Dillon,	" " " 3,	2900	- 3000 "	7.12.47
George M. O'Neil,	" " " 3,	2900	- 3000 "	7.12.47
James J. Crowley,	" " " 2,	2300	- 2400 "	7.17.47
Frank R. Di Salvatore	Custodian	2300	- 2400 "	1.1.47
Albert W. Page	"	2300	- 2400 "	1.1. 4
William Bailey	"	2300	- 2400 "	1.12 4
James Keegan	"	2300	- 2400 "	1.12 4
Robert N. Donovan	"	2300	- 2400 "	2.28.47
James E. Hunter	"	2300	- 2400 "	7.21.47
John A. Hannon	"	2200	- 2300 "	1.3.47
Basil Quirk	"	2100	- 2200 "	9.12.47
Edward C. O'Malley,	First-class Fireman	45.68	- 49.18 wk	2.20.47
Arthur G. Pearce, Jr.	Third-class Engineer	45.68	- 49.18 "	11.27.47
John P. Doherty,	" " "	45.68	- 49.18 "	12.4.47
Joseph Burke	" " "	45.68	- 49.18 "	12.11.47
Joseph T. Harrington	Foreman	2800	- 2900 yr	1.1.47
John J. Hammond	"	2600	- 2700 "	1.1.47
John J. Keane,	Greenkeeper, Assistant - (Acting Foreman)	2500	- 2600 "	1.3.47
Neil P. Canney	Greenkeeper, Assistant,	2500	- 2600 "	1.31.47
Thomas Roberts	" "	2500	- 2600 "	3.28.47
George W. Murdock	" "	2400	- 2500 "	5.8.47
William E. Walsh,	Physical Instructor	2600	- 2700 "	1.1.47
Hugh F. Dunn,	" "	2400	- 2500 "	10.17.47
Thomas E. Jackson,	" "	2400	- 2500 "	10.17.47
Charles Kellert	" "	2400	- 2500 "	10.17.47
Edwin P. Koenig	" "	2400	- 2500 "	10.17.47
Michael Nazzaro	" "	2400	- 2500 "	10.17
Ernest Stevens	" "	2400	- 2500 "	10.17
John W. Hardiman	" "	2200	- 2300 "	1.3.47
Anthony Segadelli	" "	2200	- 2300 "	3.21.47
Marie Tuohey,	Telephone Operator	1900	-2000 "	11.17.47

It was voted to approve an increase in salary from $2900 to $3400 per year for John E. White, Superintendent of Baths, in accordance with salary rate allowed in the budget of 1947 for this position. Mr. White was appointed permanently to this position on certification by Civil Service following competitive examination for it.

It was voted to approve a change in rating for David C. Walsh from that of teamster to chauffeur, with no change in compensation, effective on approval by the Mayor.

The following employees were retired by the Boston Retirement Board, having reached the age of 70 years:

Patrick Leonard, gardener, retired March 31, 1947.
Timothy W. Sullivan, gardening laborer, retired April 30, 1947.

The following draft of a bill, which it is expected will be substituted by the House Municipal Finance Committee for Senate Bill 522 so as to remove the objectionable features of 522, was called to the attention of the Board:

> RELATIVE TO CHARGES BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR ADMISSION TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS AND GAMES CONDUCTED BY IT.
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> Chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting after section two the following new section: - Section 2A. The said committee may charge admission to athletic contests and games conducted by it; but said city shall not on account of such charge be liable for any injury, loss or damage

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suffered by any person or property. Such admission charges shall be deemed to be income collected for school purposes, except that one-third of all admission charges to such contests and games conducted on land under the control of the park commission shall be deemed to have been received by the park commission and to be available for appropriation for its purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance, during the current year, by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

May 9, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held in this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman William P. Long and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of records of the previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

John M. Gray - 8th and final payment on contract for "Architect's Services for Construction of Women's Solarium and New Fence at L Street Bath House, South Boston, Massachusetts...	$784.85
J. A. Singarella Co. - 7th and final payment on contract for "Construction of Women's Solarium and New Fence at L Street Bath House, South Boston, Massachusetts..	5705.30
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid from petty cash to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies, all in connection with their employment, -- date of bill May 7, Park Division......................	301.79
Cemetery Division	18.40

A certification of the appointment of Mr. Joseph Lee as Park Commissioner for the three-year term ending April 30, 1950, received from the office of the City Clerk, was presented to the Board.

The following building permit, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department, was approved:

205 Commonwealth Avenue - Erection of fire escapes in rear. Request of The Duncanberry School of Arts, Inc., Agnes E. Frohock, Treasurer.

It was voted to approve a plan for the following work, referred to this department by the Public Works Department:

Old Colony Avenue Stairway, located at Columbia Road Station of the Boston Elevated Railway, intended to provide easier access to Old Harbor Housing Project.

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It was voted to grant permission to the Suffolk County Council of the American Legion to hold its annual Memorial Mass at Fenway Park on Sunday, May 25, 1947, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.; also permission to use the north side of Commonwealth Avenue between Dartmouth Street and Kenmore Square for the parade to Fenway Park on that day.

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for approval of the issuance of service orders to the Beacon Industries, 618 Little Building, Boston, for repairs to the public address systems at the Parkman Bandstand and L Street Bath House. The cost of repairs at the bandstand will be $855.52 and at the bath house, $595.00.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, May 1, 1947, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Jamaicaway, Riverway, Franklin Park and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston", as follows:

Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	$ 115,770.00
John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	116,519.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., Inc., 25 Huntington Ave., Boston.	129,390.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain.	149,748.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jamaica Plain...	152,805.00
An incomplete proposal was submitted to this office by Charles Capone, 44 Fellsmere Road, Roslindale. Mr. Capone's proposal, as submitted to the Auditor's office, totalled	114,126.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, for the sum of $115,770.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstructing Parkways and Roadways by Contract".

It was voted to approve a change in rating of David C. Walsh, employee of this department, from that of teamster to chauffeur, with no change in compensation, the change in rating having already been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

It was voted to approve the appointment of the following men as foremen in this department effective as of May 5, 1947, at salary of $2500.00 per year. All were employees of this department and were selected from the Civil Service list after competitive examination, and the appointments have been approved by His Honor the Mayor:

Arthur W. Brogren	98 Wenham Street, Jamaica Plain
William E. Collins	47 Woodlawn Street, Jamaica Plain
Charles F. Guiney	10 Becket Street, Dorchester
Martin F. Walsh	85 Codman Park, Roxbury
Paul J. Carrigan	61 Centre Street, Roxbury
Arthur A. English	288 Wachusett Street, Jamaica Plain
Joseph F. Bradley	80 Rossmore Road, Jamaica Plain

It was voted to approve the sliding scale step-rate salary increases for the following employees of the Cemetery Division, provision for which was made in the budget for 1947:

				Effective
Gertrude F. Ross	Clerk-Typist	$1500-1600	Yr.	Jan. 15,1947
William H. Hawkins,Jr.	Foreman	2700-2800	"	March 1, 1947
Thomas P. Mahoney	Jr.Clerk & Typist	1700-1800	"	Dec.18,1947
Helen A. Connors	Clerk-Typist	1500-1600	"	Dec.31,1947

Request was made to the Board by William J. McHenry, Jr., of 37 Wade Street, Brighton, for the return of a fee of $25.00 paid for a golf membership permit at George Wright Golf Course for the season of 1947, Mr. McHenry having moved to another city and the permit never having been used. The Board voted to assent to the transfer of this permit to the next purchaser of a season permit at George Wright Golf Course and the return of the money received from the transfer to Mr. McHenry.

After the regular order of business the Commissioners discussed at length the recreation facilities in the Park Department and also the possibility of what part of the special appropriation, "Park and Playgrounds, Improvements, Etc., Revenue", could be used to further the recreation program.

Mr. Lee suggested that the Board consider the possibility of filling vacancies as they occur on the playgrounds with qualified recreation workers. At the present time, on many of our playgrounds, there are laborers acting as custodians of the field houses and grounds and he thought that as vacancies occur in laborers' positions in other sections of the department, we might fill these vacancies with laborers now working on playgrounds. Then, in place of the playground laborers so transferred, qualified recreation workers could be appointed. These recreation workers in addition to arranging the children's programs on playgrounds could do some of the minor maintenance work, like raking and marking off the ball field,etc.

Mr. Lee also thought it might be possible to follow the system that has been adopted in New York of periodically sending a crew of maintenance men around to the various playgrounds to do the main repair work and the maintenance work necessary on any playground. Possibly they would have to visit a playground only three or four times a year to do this important work, and in the meantime the recreation worker would look out for the general upkeep of the playground with the assistance of many of the children of the neighborhood.

Mr. Lee suggested that the Board give some thought to having certain foremen specialize in certain phases of playground work. In other words, one foreman might be a specialist in the building of baseball, football, volley ball, and other types of play areas and he could be called in whenever a problem presented itself in any area.

The Board discussed the upkeep of small play areas and it was of the opinion that the best that could be done with these was to keep them clean and in orderly manner and that possibly some people in the local community would be interested in helping with programs because these areas are not large enough to have a full time worker.

The Board then entered into a discussion of the appropriation of $200,000 for "Park and Playground Improvements, Program", and it appears that several items planned out of this appropriation will not be allowed by the City Auditor. The Board felt particularly keen about the matter of equipment, the City Auditor being inclined to have this charged to the equipment item in the regular budget. This department, however, has no funds for that work. In the appropriation of $200,000 the Park Commissioners had earmarked approximately $75,000 for new equipment on various playgrounds.

Mr. Lee then spoke about the possibility of having forty or fifty experienced playground teachers, all women, to run the regular children's programs on the playgrounds which had been sponsored by the School Department in other years, the item for these teachers' salaries having been eliminated by the School Committee in its budget. He thought we might get thirty or forty experienced teachers from Mr. McKenney of the School Department, and the balance of ten or twenty more might come from the Sargent or Bouve schools or other schools of similar character.

Mr. Long is to discuss with Mr. Fox the possibility of using this appropriation money for new equipment and also the possibility of transferring money from this appropriation in order to place on all the playgrounds the personnel mentioned. Mr. Lee is to make a survey in various playgrounds in sections of the city to ascertain what type of equipment is required on the playgrounds. He also is to call at the Recreation Building in Jamaica Plain and ascertain the various duties of the individuals working there, the type of program that is now being run, and to lend his efforts to make improvements where necessary.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

June 11, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11:15 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman William P. Long and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

M. A. Dyer Company - First estimate - Architect's Services in the preparation of plans and specifications for a new field house at Charlesbank Playground, Charles Street, Boston, Massachusetts	$ 900.00
P. J. Cantwell & Son - Second and final estimate - Repairs to Field House, Shelter and Playground Facilities at Jefferson Playground, Roxbury	483.67
Fred Ralston & Company - First estimate - Spraying all trees in parks and on city streets	3,800.00
J. A. Singarella Company - Sixth estimate - Construction of new convenience station for women, Public Garden,	621.00
John Rugo - Third estimate - Alterations and Repairs to Columbus Park field house opposite Preble Street, South Boston	4,848.30
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Amount paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment	303.35
M. S. Kelliher Company - Seventh estimate - New field house, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	3,632.40

It was voted to approve the following building permits, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

648 Beacon Street - Alterations and repairs to the interior, construction of penthouse and elevator supports. Change of occupancy. Request of the 648 Beacon Street Corporation.

29 Fairfield Street - Alterations to interior creating new apartments. Request of E. G. Morris Service, M. Goldberg.

53 Beacon Street - Alterations to interior, creating one apartment. Request of L. C. Page & Company, Inc.

250 Seaver Street - Alterations to basement for installation of three ritual baths. Request of Daughters of Israel, Inc.

It was voted to approve a request of A. S. Caplan for permission to construct a driveway on his property at No. 573-575 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, as per sketch submitted.

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $44,000 now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$ 44,000.00

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It was voted to approve the award of a contract, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Fred Ralston & Company, 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, without publicly advertising for bids, for "Spraying Trees in Parks and on City Streets", for the approximate sum of $4,000.00 to be charged to B-39 in the Park Department budget. The contractor is to furnish one truck with Buffalo Turbine Blower, one service truck, all the D. D. T. solution required for the work, and truck operator and turbine operator.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Thursday, May 22, 1947, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Grading, Filling and Loaming at George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Massachusetts", as follows:

M. McGinnis Co., 65 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain	$ 4,300.00
Polillio Bros., 2121 Central Street, Stoughton	5,000.00
Daniel J. Shea, 73 Tremont Street, Boston	5,294.00
Speedway Contracting Co., 41 Rosetter Street, Boston	5,371.00
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	5,602.00
J. F. White Contracting Co., 11 Pemberton Sq., Boston	5,959.00
Beverly Sand & Gravel Co., 17 Roundy Street, Beverly	6,456.00
Cashman & Lenehan, 10 Ballard Street, Jamaica Plain	6,925.00
J. D'Amico, 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	8,115.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, M. McGinnis Co., 65 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $4,300.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, Etc., Revenue".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Wednesday, May 28, 1947, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Carpentry Repairs and Replacements at Handball Court, and Fences, L Street Beach, South Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

P. J. Cantwell & Son, 644 East Fourth Street, South Boston...	$ 4,843.00
John P. Cavanagh, 25 Medway Street, Dorchester	4,870.00
Peabody Construction Co., 27 Farragut Road, South Boston.....	5,461.00
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25, Mass.	5,737.00
R. A. Buccella & Sons, 20 Cedar Park, Roxbury	6,433.00
M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	6,892.00
Morres H. Bennett, 9a Staniford Street, Boston	8,500.00
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	9,545.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, P. J. Cantwell & Son, 644 East Fourth Street, South Boston, for the sum of $4,843.00, same to be charged to the regular Park Department budget item, B-39.

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract to Fred Ralston & Company, 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, for the completion of the work of spraying trees on the city streets and in park areas with a D.D.T. solution, the contractor to furnish all necessary equipment and operators, for the sum of $3800.00, to be charged to B-39 in the Park Department budget.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, May 20, 1947, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Grading and Sanding of Bathing Beaches, Boston, Massachusetts", The following proposals complied with the terms of the public advertisement:

Highland Sand & Gravel Co., 266 Baker Street, W. Roxbury...	$ 9,250.00
Wes Contracting Co., 119 Landseer St., W. Roxbury	9,655.00
M. McGinnis Company, 65 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain	9,864.50

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Highland Sand & Gravel Company, 266 Baker Street, West Roxbury, for the approximate sum of $9,250.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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It was voted to approve the award of a service order to C. J. Maney Company, Inc., subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, for re-grading the beach at Pleasure Bay, South Boston, and also the beach on the opposite side of Pleasure Bay as far as the Public Landing. The contractor is to furnish one D-8 Caterpillar with Bulldozer including operator, fuel, etc., at an hourly rate of $9.375, or a total of $75.00 daily, the total amount of the order not to exceed $1600.00, to be charged to B-39 in the budget.

It was voted to approve a request on the Superintendent of the Supply Department for permission to order the required number of tulip bulbs for the 1948 display, from Van't Hof & Blokker, of Holland, at an approximate cost of $1450.00. The government having established the price of tulip bulbs imported from Holland, there is nothing to be gained by advertising for bids.

It was voted to approve the granting of a license to Mr. Edward E. Adams, of the Mills Automatic Merchandising Corporation, 130 Broad Street, Boston, for the operation of weighing machines in some of the buildings of this department for a period of one year beginning July 1, 1947 and ending June 30, 1948, for the sum of $350.00. Mr. Adams has had this concession for many years and has always been a satisfactory concessionaire.

It was voted to approve a request upon His Honor the Mayor for the following transfer of funds within the Park Department budget and the special appropriation as allowed for the year 1947:

From	To
Park & Playgrounds Improvements, etc., Revenue $55,000.00	A-2 Temp. Employees....$50,000.00
	D-9 Educational and Recreational.... 5,000.00

This request was approved in City Council June 2, 1947 and by the Mayor on June 3, 1947.

It is voted to request His Honor the Mayor to amend the Park Department budget by abolishing the position of Assistant Supervisor of Recreation at $40.68 per week and increasing the number of assistant supervisors at $2600 per year from three to four. This change is for the purpose of adjusting the compensation of Jerome Sacco, 1209 Bennington Street, East Boston, from $5.50 per day to $2600 per year, which is the salary received by other employees of his grade.

It was voted to approve a change in rating for Thomas J. Mullen, 25 Gartland Street, Jamaica Plain, from Gardening Laborer to Gardener, with no change in compensation, effective as of June 4, 1947.

It was voted to approve the reinstatement of the following persons to their former positions in this department:

Frederick T. Kaveney, laborer at $38.76 per week, veteran, granted leave of absence for period of six months to accept trial position with Veterans Administration. Reinstatement in Park Department effective June 4, 1947.

Thomas F. O'Gara, laborer at $38.73 per week, veteran, granted leave of absence on October 1, 1946 to pursue his studies under the G. I. Bill of Rights. Reinstatement effective May 21, 1947.

Paul E. Finnegan, laborer at $38.76 per week, discharged for insubordination and other reasons. Reinstated to permit him another opportunity to fill his job satisfactorily. Effective May 1, 1947.

The following employees were retired by the Boston Retirement Board:

Matthew J. McGregor, laborer, effective May 31, 1947.
Hubord McKiernan, gardening laborer, retired on account of accidental disability, effective May 31, 1947.

It was voted to approve extensions of time on the following contracts:

Construction of new convenience station on Public Garden, J. A. Singarella Co., contractor. Time extended to June 15, 1947.

Furnishing and Erecting Fences at Oak Square, Brighton, - P. J. Dinn & Company, contractor. Time extended to June 15, 1947.

Field House, Ross Playground, - M. S. Kelliher Co., contractor. Time extended to July 1, 1947.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 o'clock.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

August 26, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11:05 A. M.

Present: Deputy Commissioner John J. Murphy, Commissioner Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Commissioner Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Fred Ralston & Co. - 1st estimate (contract of June 9), "Spraying of all Trees in Parks and on City Streets"....	$ 3,610.00
Fred Ralston & Co. - 2nd and final estimate (contract of June 9), "Spraying of all Trees in Parks and on City Streets"	190.00
C. Dale Garbutt, Inc. - Final payment - "Painting the Parkman House, 33 Beacon Street, Boston	400.50
Highland Sand and Gravel Co.,Inc. - 1st estimate - "Grading and Sanding of Bathing Beaches, Boston"	7,915.17
Highland Sand and Gravel Co.,Inc. - 2nd and final estimate - "Grading and Sanding of Bathing Beaches, Boston"	1,396.79
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department Employees for Transportation, Telephone Calls and Miscellaneous Supplies in connection with their employment:	
July 3 - Park Div......	317.01)
Cem. Div......	20.93)
Aug. 1 - Park Div.....	362.83)
Cem. Div.	10.90)
P. J. Dinn & Company - 1st estimate - "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at the Oak Square Playground, Brighton,Mass"..	2,629.90
P. J. Dinn & Company - 2nd & final estimate - "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at the Oak Square Playground, Brighton, Mass."	464.10
Walter Reed Corporation - 1st estimate - "Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Jamaicaway, Riverway, Franklin Park and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston"	.37,474.26
Walter Reed Corporation - 2nd estimate - "Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Jamaicaway, Riverway, Franklin Park and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston"	.34,407.45
John Rugo - 4th estimate - "Alterations and Repairs to Columbus Park Field House opposite Preble Street, South Boston....	5,562.25
Fred Ralston & Company - 2nd & final estimate - "Spraying all Trees in Parks and on City Streets (Contract of May 26)...	200.00

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J. A. Singarella Co. - 7th and final estimate - "Construction of New Convenience Station for Women, Public Garden, Boston"	$ 1,888.50
M. A. Dyer Company - 2nd estimate - "Architect's Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for a New Field House at Charlesbank Playground, Charles Street, Boston".	800.00
P. J. Cantwell & Son - 1st estimate - "Carpentry Repairs and Replacements at Hand Ball Courts and Fences, L Street Beach, South Boston"	3,861.55
M. McGinnis & Co. - 1st estimate - "Grading, Filling and Loaming at George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Mass."	3,724.19
M. S. Kelliher Co. - 8th estimate - "New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Mass."	2,511.90
P. J. Dinn & Company - 1st estimate - "Erection of a Wire Fence along the Charlesbank Shore"	1,814.75

It was voted to approve permits for alterations to buildings, as listed below. These permits were submitted for approval of this department by the Building Department:

200 Commonwealth Avenue	-	Request of I. J. Kennedy, Jr., change of occupancy from rooming house to rooming house plus two apartments.
297 " "	-	Request of Society of Jesus of New England, change of occupancy from residence to residence for 15 priests.
334 " "	-	Change building from residence for four families to residence for five families.
384 " "	-	Increase number of apartments from six suites to eighteen.
150 " "	-	Request of Chilton Club, changes in basement required for convenience of club restaurant.
284 " "	-	Install fire escapes on rear of building.
65 Park Drive	-	Increase number of suites from twenty to twenty-one.
29 Fairfield Street	-	Adding additional apartments to a total of eleven in the building.
535 Beacon Street	-	Request of Boston University. Changes required to comply with City of Boston building laws.
388-390 Columbua Road	-	Request for use of premises as a used-car lot.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on June 12, 1947 at 2 o'clock p.m., for "Asphalt Tennis Court Surfacing on Tennis Courts at Fallon Field and Mary Draper Playground, West Roxbury", as follows:

John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	$ 6,259.00
Adams Asphalt Co., 53 Blanch Street, Cambridge	7,265.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp. - 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston...	7,860.00
Warren Bros. Roads Co. - 38 Memorial Drive, Cambridge...	8,120.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, John McCourt Co., for approximate sum of $6,259.00, charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

The Board considered the matter of a contract with Allied Engineering Corporation, 639 Boylston Street, Boston, for architectural services for the preparation of plans and specifications for repairs to the Lion House at the Franklin Park Zoo. The estimated cost of repairs is $25,500. The architect's fee is to be six per cent of the estimated cost of repairs for the furnishing of plans and specifications, and an additional four per cent if he also supervises the work. The estimated amount of the architect's contract on a ten per cent basis is therefore $2550.00. It was

VOTED: That the contract as described above be awarded to the Allied Engineering

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Company, after Deputy Commissioner Murphy had pointed out the urgency of doing this work. The Board, however, decided that before any future repair work is done at the zoo, it would be advisable to check with the White Fund Trustees to see what their plans are for the building of a new zoo.

It was voted to approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to P. J. Dinn & Company for "Erection of a Wire Fence along the Charlesbank Shore", for a sum not to exceed $2135.00. The fence is needed to provide greater safety for bathers at Charlesbank during the present season and therefore immediate action is necessary. The contract is to be charged to "Park and Playground Improvements,etc., Revenue".

It was voted to approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Fred Ralston & Company, 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, for the second spraying of all elm trees in the parks and on city streets, for a sum not to exceed $4,000.00, the contract to be charged to B-39.

It was voted to approve additions to the contract of P. J. Cantwell & Son, 644 East Fourth Street, South Boston, for "Carpentry Repairs and Replacements at Hand Ball Court and Fences, L Street Beach, South Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

> Install new 2" x 8" rafters to support wire mesh covering the tops of three hand ball courts on the beach at L Street, for the sum of $447.00. Total amount of contract is now $5290.00.

It was voted to approve extensions of time on the following contracts:

> Walter Reed Corporation - "Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Jamaicaway, Riverway, Franklin Park and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston", - to September 10, 1947.
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> M. S. Kelliher Company - "New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park" - to September 15, 1947.
>
> John Rugo - "Alterations and Repairs to Columbus Park Field House opposite Preble Street, South Boston, Massachusetts" - to October 15, 1947.

It was voted to approve additional work on contract of John Rugo, 149 Pleasant Street, Dorchester, for "Columbus Park Field House, South Boston", as per order dated August 7, 1947, in the sum of $456.00. Total of contract is now $31,741.00.

The following notice of land-taking in the Mission Hill section of Roxbury was called to the attention of the Board:

> An order of the Board of Street Commissioners in the taking of four parcels of land situated on the northerly side of Tremont street, between a point approximately sixty-five feet west of Faxon street and Shermont street, and two parcels of land between Shermont street and Mission Hill Playground, Roxbury District, was approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on June 23, 1947 and filed in the Registry of Deeds on this day, June 24, 1947.

It was voted to grant permission to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to construct a gate in the chain link fence in the rear of St. Mary's Cemetery for the purpose of allowing funeral corteges to pass from the cemetery on to the dirt road, the property of the Park Department, which connects with a public way at either end.

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for an additional allotment of $8,000.00 to the sum of $45,000 already allocated for the purchase of motor vehicles urgently needed in this department, the present estimated net cost being $51,797 but subject to possible increase due to rapid change in price.

It was also voted to approve a request for the sum of $2500.00 in this same equipment loan appropriation, for the purchase of new row boats for use by our lifeguards. The total of both requests under departmental equipment loan is $55,500.00.

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It was voted to approve the following transfers of appropriations within the budget of the Park Department:

From Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue, $1000.00 - $15,000.00 - $750.00 - $750.00

To	B-4	Transportation........	$ 900.00)	July 24
	B-13	Communication	100.00)	
	B-39	General Plant........	15,000.00)	Aug. 14
	B-29	Stenography, etc. ...	750.00)	Aug. 7
	D-1	Office	500.00)	Aug. 5
	D-5	Medical supplies	250.00)	

Personnel Matters:

It was voted to approve the appointment of eight laborers to replace the same number removed from the payrolls by death or retirement:

Joseph A. Sammon
James M. McNicholas
John T. Sheridan
Joseph P. Warsawich
Edward L. Judge
James F. Donovan
William C. O'Brien
James J. Healy

It was voted to approve a change in rating of Edward H. Ferguson from laborer to stock-room helper, salary to remain at the same rate of $38.76 per week. Effective as of July 10, 1947.

It was voted to approve adjustments in salaries of the following employees so that the pay scale for men doing the same work under the same ratings may be uniform. Effective as of July 30:

Chauffeurs from $38.76 to $41.76 per week: William Webster, Daniel Callahan, Richard Cummings, John B. Gleason, Raymond Flaherty, Joseph O'Brien, Joseph H. Sanger.

Gasoline Engine Operator from $41.76 to $44.76 per week: Coleman Griffin

Garage Floorman and Auto Washer from $41.76 to $44.76 per week: James J. Foley

Laundrymen from $38.76 to $41.76 per week: Francis McCauley, James O'Brien, Joseph Tieso, Roy Christensen, John Butler

Gardeners from $41.76 to $44.76 per week: Michael Crehan, Thomas Cunniff, William Gordon, William Lawless, William Donely, John Merkel (rating of scientific garden Michael Finucane, Bernard Hughes (garden chauffeur), Thomas Costello, Daniel Walraven, James J. Murphy

Gardener from $38.76 to $44.76 per week: Thomas J. Mullen

Zoo Attendants from $38.76 to $41.76 per week: Cornelius Callahan, John J.Coughlin, Joseph Edmunds, Thomas Veasey, John F. Newton.

Mason from $41.76 to $44.76 per week: William McCormack

Rigger from $38.76 to $44.76 per week: James Lysaght

It was voted to approve a temporary increase in wages for Francis T. Keane, from $41.76 to $44.76 per week, while he serves in the capacity of foreman of bat house and laundry pending Civil Service examination for the position. To be effective as of July 30.

It was voted to approve the promotion of John Freitas from his present position as chauffeur to position of gas engine operator, salary to remain at the present rate of $44.76 per week, subject to approval of Civil Service to the change in rating and to approval of His Honor the Mayor.

Personnel Matters (Cont.)

It was voted to approve leaves of absence for the following employees:

James J. Crowley, engineer grade 2 - Three months' leave expiring November 19, 1947, for purpose of accepting a trial position with Federal Government.

Anthony Segadelli - Leave of absence from August 1 to September 16, 1947, because of illness.

Hugh F. Lynch - Extension of leave to October 29, 1947, while he serves a trial appointment in Fire Department.

It was voted to approve the discharge of Joseph E. Talbot from his position as laborer in the Park Department because of frequent absence from work and inability to perform his duties owing to poor physical condition.

Acceptance of following resignations:

Martin J. Manning, laborer, effective June 24, 1947
John Brennan, gardening laborer, effective June 30, 1947
John Mansfield, laborer, effective July 26, 1947

The following employees were retired on dates indicated:

Henry W. Roberts, gardening laborer, retired under veterans' retirement act, effective July 1, 1947.

Daniel J. O'Leary, laborer, retired under veterans' retirement act, effective August 19, 1947.

John W. Gray, lifeguard and helper, retired by Boston Retirement Board, effective June 30, 1947.

Michael J. Donelan, machinist, retired by Boston Retirement Board, effective as of July 31, 1947.

Dennis J. Coleman, laborer, retired under laborers' retirement act, effective July 31, 1947.

George Frank Dedham, first-class fireman, retired under veterans' retirement act, effective August 26, 1947.

The attention of the Board was called to a communication from Acting Chairman of the Park Department, Mr. Joseph Lee, relating to the development of a playground on land near Washington Street and Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester. The land was transferred to this department on October 7, 1946 by order of the City Council, and contains approximately 306,220 square feet. The cost of this proposed development will be $60,000 according to an estimate of the Deputy Commissioner.

In his communication Mr. Lee specifically stated that funds must be found from some other source than Park Department appropriations, because the Park Department has nowhere near enough funds in its present budget to properly maintain the other ninety playgrounds in the city. But, if the Mayor and the City Council are able to find $60,000 to develop this area into a playground without jeopardizing funds sorely needed for present playgrounds in this department, such a playground could well be used by those living near it.

VOTED: That the communication be placed on file fur further study.

It was voted to approve the designation of Commissioner Joseph Lee as Acting Chairman of the Park Department from July 14, 1947, during the incapacity of Commissioner Long , with authority to sign payrolls and other necessary papers for the proper conduct of department business. Consent to this designation had previously been obtained from Mr. Haffenreffer by telephone, and also from Mr. Lee, on July 14.

VOTED: That in the absence of Secretary and Chief Clerk Arthur J. O'Keefe during part of the vacation period allowed him for 1947, from September 2 to September 16, Miss Catherine M. Hughes be appointed acting secretary and chief clerk of the department.

Notes on temporary employees: The services of 140 persons temporarily employed on our summer recreation program will terminate on September 9. The services of 200 persons temporarily employed on the city's beaches during the summer season, as lifeguards, laborers, and matrons,will terminate as of September 15.

The following transactions were called to the attention of the Board:

> The Park Department received on July 7, 1947, from the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a check in the sum of $75,000 in final consummation of the settlement between the Commonwealth and the City of Boston for damages suffered by the city by reason of the taking of three parcels of land, by the Commonwealth, on Porter Street, East Boston, for improvement of the General Logan airport. The land was originally taken by the city for airport purposes on December 22, 1931 and then by the Commonwealth on June 13, 1944 for the same purpose.
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> Received on July 7, 1947, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as damages suffered by the City of Boston by reason of the taking of approximately 18,500 square feet of land formerly part of the William Amarena Playground, now to be used by the Commonwealth for the purpose of improving the General Logan airport..a check in the sum of $3500.00. This land was taken by the city on October 22, 1941 in connection with the widening of Porter Street, East Boston, and by the Commonwealth on June 13, 1944, for airport purposes.

Matters brought before the Board for discussion:

(1) Proposed plan of Metropolitan District Commission for taking over city's beaches and some other park areas:

The Board considered at length the request of the Metropolitan District Commission for certain figures and facts pertaining to a proposed plan for taking over by that Commission of the city's beaches and some other park areas. Commissioner Lee talked at considerable length on the resolve filed with the Legislature that the Massachusetts District Commission make a study of the possibility of taking over the aobve-mentioned areas and report back to the Clerk of the House of Representatives sometime early in December of this year.

Mr. Lee stated that he had received a report from Superintendent of Baths John E. White relative to personnel and maintenance expenses of our beaches and beach houses. It appears that the Resolve also intends the M. D. C. to take over several roadways and parkways. On this matter Deputy Commissioner Murphy stated that we are one of the few cities having park roadways within the city, that our roadways run from Commonwealth Avenue at Arlington Street through to Castle Island and that the M. D. C. parkways are more or less highways for travel by the general public. He personally did not think that the Park Department should be any party to a transaction that might take away from us our parkways and roadways.

Mr. Haffenreffer asked several questions relating to the beaches and stated that he thought possibly the money saved by turning these areas over to the M. D. C. was worth some consideration, because it would help in reducing the tax rate. However, it was pointed out that the City of Boston would still have to pay 50 per cent of expenses because the city now bears half the maintenance cost of the M. D. C.

In view of the fact that the report does not have to be made until December, it was moved that the matter be tabled until a future meeting, when it will be given further consideration.

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(2) Construction of a new solarium and building on Park Department property at Charlesbank, in which the Trustees of the White Fund are interested.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the White Fund Trustees are interested in erecting a bath house, solarium and swimming pool on the Charlesbank and that under their rules they are permitted to build structures on park property but that they must reimburse the Park Department for the land which they use for these buildings. There are about 100,000 square feet of land on Charlesbank that would be used, the present estimated value of which is 50 cents per square foot but which in the open market, Mr. Lee stated, would bring approximately $5.00 to $6.00 per squar foot. The Commission discussed at length what would be a proper fee. They finally left the matter open until some future time when they could consult with the White Fund Trustees.

In the meantime Mr. Murphy has been authorized to look over the plans

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of the contemplated building and endeavor to make arrangements to have incorporated in the plans sufficient room for the storage of Park Department equipment, also provision for toilets and showers for those using the Charlesbank Playground for athletic activities.

Another important consideration which followed the discussion of the proposed price to be charged the White Fund Trustees for the land was the question of maintenance. After these buildings have been erected and paid for, from the proceeds of the White Fund, they will be turned over to this department for maintenance. With this thought in mind, it was deemed advisable to obtain as high a price for the land as is consistent with fair value but, at the same time, not to ask so much that the White Fund Trustees would not be interested in developing this area.

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(3) Castle Island - opening of the island to the public.

The Board discussed the possibility of opening the Island to the general public within the next few weeks. Mr. Murphy thought that before opening it, a rail should be erected on the pier so as to prevent any person falling in the water.

Communications were read from the Navy stating that our request for possession of the Navy buildings on Castle Island has been forwarded to Washington and that we should hear from the Navy Department within a few weeks.

A communication was also read from the Army stating that we have the right to enter on the Island immediately, pending the arrival of final transfer papers.

It was agreed that Mr. Lee and Mr. Murphy would work out the plans for the opening of the Island to the public.

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(4) Stadium for Franklin Park.

Mr. Lee pointed out to the Board that one of the propositions being considered by the White Fund Trustees is the erection of a school boys' stadium in Franklin Park sometime in the future.

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(5) Reclassification of Employees and Salary Adjustments:

The Board talked at length on this matter. Mr. Lee said that he has had a survey made of the Recreation employees in the department. He thinks that after a check with other cities and from his own personal knowledge there should be some adjustments in the Recreation Division. It was pointed out that some of the employees in whom he was interested were on a step-rate basis and will attain a maximum of $2700 per year. Several older employees have reached this maximum. He felt that some of the younger men have newer ideas and more enthusiasm and should not be held back.

Mr. Lee admitted that Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. Murphy also had several problems in their respective departments. He agreed for the time being to drop his request for particular groups, but he did want to go on record for one individual, Mr. Patrick Ryan, assistant instructor of recreation, who, Mr. Lee felt, is greatly underpaid. He stated that Mr. Ryan was the real "mainstay" of the summer program, that he put into successful operation all the director's ideas and plans. Mr. Lee feels that if we do not give Mr. Ryan some consideration in the way of salary adjustment, he will go to some social agency at much higher salary. He stated that he believes it was Mayor Curley's plan to give Ryan a salary of $3600 per year when he was given the rating of Assistant Director of Recreation.

It was voted that the Board go on record as favoring an increase in the salary of Patrick J. Ryan, as Assistant Director of Recreation, from $2900 per year to $3400.00.

Mr. Lee stated that he knew, after some talks with Mr. O'Keefe, that there were many adjustments in his office staff that had been overlooked for

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years and that he was in favor of getting increases, or paying on an increment basis, or whatever could be done.

Mr. Murphy spoke on the injustice done the tree climbers in the matter of salary adjustments. These men have the most dangerous employment in the department yet are paid only a laborer's wage.

After considerable discussion on the personnel problem, it was agreed by the Board that Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. Murphy should make a survey of the personnel of the department and submit a recommendation at a future meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Arthur J O'Keefe
Secretary

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September 11, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, September 11, at 2:45 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of minutes of the previous meeting.

A notice from the office of the City Clerk was called to the attention of the Board, certifying that Mr. John J. Murphy was duly appointed by the Mayor to be Park Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1949 and that he was duly sworn in office on September 2, 1947.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Amount paid to Park Department employees for transportation expenses, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment......Park Div....$ 361.66)
Cem. Div.... 19.70) Aug.29.

Allied Engineering Corporation - 1st estimate - Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Repairs to the Lion House at the Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts, as per contract approved August 4, 1947 . . . . $ 1375.62

John McCourt Co. - Second estimate - Asphalt Court Surfacing on Tennis Courts at Fallon Field and Mary Draper Playground, West Roxbury . . . . $ 761.74

It was voted to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $45,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . .$ 45,000.00

It was voted to approve a request upon His Honor the Mayor that he arrange for an appropriation of $10,000 to be made immediately available to this department for the purpose of meeting the initial cost in its efforts to control the Dutch Elm Disease in Boston. The estimated work to be done before April 1, 1948, on public and private properties, is as follows:

200 dead or diseased elms to be removed at $150.00 each....	$ 30,000.00
10,000 (minimum number) elms to be trimmed of dead branches..	100,000.00
Total	$130,000.00

The $10,000 requested is to permit the department to make an immediate start on the work.

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The Board discussed the advisability of requesting His Honor the Mayor to make available an appropriation of $40,000, outside of existing Park Department appropriations, for the development of the land on Washington Street near Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, into a playground. This sum is the estimated cost of work that can be done this year, further development of the playground to require additional funds.

The land was transferred by order of the City Council on October 7, 1946, approved by the Mayor on October 8, 1946 from the care, custody, control and management of the Chairman of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care, custody, control and management of the Park Department, for playground purposes.

During the discussion the Chairman stated that the city had acquired the land at no cost, that it was unfit for building or for any commercial use, but that it could be developed as a playground. He said the children of the district have to cross main highways - Washington Street, Gallivan Boulevard, and Dorchester Avenue - to get to either of the other nearby playgrounds. He thought it better to spend $40,000 this year (if a playground is to be built) for the construction of the play area and then let future development such as construction of buildings, fences, etc., wait until another year when more money can be had for that purpose.

Mr. Haffenreffer asked if the land is flat enough for a baseball field, and Mr. Lee replied that it was mostly shrubbery and thickets. It was Mr. Murphy's opinion that it could be cleared and made into a satisfactory field.

Mr. Lee stated that ethically we should not request money for the development of this tract of land, that he does not want to go on record for anything he does not think necessary, but that if the Mayor or others make the money available for the building of this playground, the Board should go ahead and develop it. But he believes it is a luxury playground because of its proximity to other large playgrounds.

It was then agreed by all members of the Board that the department should have a general policy or over-all plan for the development of playgrounds and that in the future when a request is made to this Board for the taking of land for play areas, the request can be accepted or rejected depending on whether the proposed development fits in with the general plan. For the purpose of acquiring the necessary information to formulate such a plan, Mr. Lee was commissioned to survey the needs of the department with respect to its present recreational facilities and future requirements and to submit the results of the survey to the Board. The Board shall then have a meeting to consider the report of the survey and determine a policy or over-all plan and the Chairman, or the full Board, shall then meet with the Mayor to discuss the plan.

The discussion ended in general agreement that if the $40,000 is made available for the building of a playground at this location - Washington Street near Gallivan Boulevard - the work will be started this year.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Thursday, August 28, 1947, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Excavation, Loaming and Improvement of Athletic Field at World War Memorial Park, East Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	$ 21,853.00
R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston	24,720.00
Marinucci Bros. & Co., 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	25,609.00
M. McGinnis Co., 34 Brookley Road, Boston	27,190.00
David W. Kidd, 76 Pearl Street, Brookline	31,560.00
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25, Mass.	37,940.00
R. A. Buccella & Sons, 20 Cedar Park Roxbury	43,235.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to approve the award of the contract to the lowest bidder, William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge, for the approximate sum of $21,853.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on August 28, 1947, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester, Mass.	$ 22, 927.00
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25, Mass.	24,700.00
Peabody Construction Co., 27 Farragut Road, South Boston	25,400.00
James S. Kelliher, 4 Washington Street, Quincy	28,658.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to approve the award of the contract to the lowest bidder, M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester, for the approximate sum of $22,927.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo".

It was voted to approve the permanent appointment of the following-named men as third-class engineers in this department, at $45.68 per week, effective as of September 17, 1947:

Albert J. MacDonald, 590 Cummins Highway, Mattapan
Robert D. Keefe, 3840 Washington Street, Roslindale

It was voted to grant the request of the Board of Trustees of Boston College for permission to construct stairways from the college property, across City property, into the roadway around Chestnut Hill Reservoir as indicated on plan submitted to this department dated August 25, 1947, entitled "Plan Indicating Proposed Entrances (A) and (B) from Parking Area on Lower Driveway". It was understood in granting this permission that the total cost of the construction must be borne by Boston College; that Boston College is to maintain the driveways and steps, and that the City does not guarantee that the Reservoir raodway will always be kept open as a public way or a parkway for vehicular traffic.

Personnel Matters:

Voted, to approve the emergency employment of Katharyn A. McCann, 206 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, as an inspector of playground supplies, for a period of ten days only, to check over and make inventory of supplies now being brought in from playgrounds. Salary to be $30.00 per week, charged to A-2 Temporary Employees.

Voted, to approve the transfer of Ellen Kelliher, 3 Oswald Street, Roxbury, from her position as hospital worker at $26.00 per week in the Hospital Department to a position as matron in the Park Department at $29.68 per week, effective August 26 by approval of the Mayor and September 9 by approval of Civil Service.

Voted, to approve the promotion of William M. Mullen from his position as pipe-fitter-chauffeur-laborer to the position of pipe-fitter at a salary of $44.76 per week, effective as of August 20, 1947.

Voted, to approve the adjustment in salary of Thomas J. Mullen, gardener, from $41.76 per week to $44.76 per week, effective as of July 30, 1947.

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Voted, to approve the adjustment in salary of John F. Newton, zoo attendant, from $38.76 per week to $41.76 per week, effective as of July 30, 1947.

Voted, to approve the adjustment in salary of Vincent J. Pizzano, labor-chauffeur, from $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective as of August 27, 1947.

Voted, to approve a change in rating for Louis F. Corbett from that of Scytheman to Senior Stock Room Helper, no change from his present compensation of $41.76 per week. Effective on Civil Service approval.

Voted, to accept the resignation of James P. Maney, laborer-chauffeur, effective as of September 3, 1947.

The Board was informed of the termination of temporary employment of playground instructors as of the close of business on September 9, 1947, at the close of the summer recreation program.

Establishment of position of Public Boating Manager: The Board gave careful consideration to the establishment of the position of Public Boating Manager and the appointment of Leon L. Manfredi to this position.

Mr. Lee spoke at length on the desirability of a public sailing program as a permanent part of the recreation program of the Park Department and of his desire to have Mr. Leon L. Manfredi appointed as Public Boating Manager, the program to be conducted on the Charles River Basin and other nearby waters during the months of the year when sail boats can be used, and in-doors during the winter when instruction could be given in boat building and repairs.

Mr. Murphy questioned the legality of permitting a man in the employ of the Park Department to work on a raft, or float, or in any building or structure not owned or leased by the department.

Mr. Lee was of the opinion that there need be no legal difficulty in assigning a man to work on other than Park Department property, that we can supervise and maintain any property put in our charge, and that the law is broad enough to permit this program to be put in charge of the Park Department. He says he can turn over his permit to use the landing on the Charles River Basin, or it is possible we could apply for the Metropolitan Distrct Commission boat house, or we might use the municipal building in the West End, or the property of some social agency of that section for the winter program. He does not think a legal problem would arise in such a case. He believes it is not a legal matter but rather one of policy - whether or not this boating program can go on and whether the Department wants to make it one of its major endeavors.

Mr. Lee stated that he believes Boston can distinguish itself by its development of water sports, that the city has fine bodies of water easily accessible. He believes that the idea of using the Charles River Basin, which would cost nothing, is a very economical and very wholesome way of developing a form of recreation here such as no other city has.

It was finally decided that it was not within the province of the Park Commissioners to approve such a program, that the leasing of private lands by a city department is a legal matter and that it is very questionable whether employees paid by a municipality can be assigned to work on private property, and that a question of this kind would have to be submitted to the Mayor for decision as a matter of policy.

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The Board was informed that a notice had been received from the Civil Service Commission station that examination for promotion to the position of Foreman of Laundry and Bath House, in this department, is scheduled to be held on November 6, 1947.

The attention of the Board was called to the following transfers of funds within the appropriations of the Park Department budget:

From	To
C-3 Electrical.......$ 250.00	D-13 Chemicals..........$200.00) D-10 Agriculture .... 50.00)
D-4 Forage and animal..300.00	D-8 Laundry,cleaning....100.00) D-13 Chemicals ....200.00)

The money is required in D-13 for purchase of disinfectants for use in Park Department buildings.

The money is required in D-8 for purchase of soap powder; and in D-10 for seed for the greenhouses.

A communication was presented from the Board of Street Commissioners relating to a proposed taking of land from Catherine Donovan of 1473 square feet, more or less, and from Costas A. Goustas of 1222 square feet, more of less, for park purposes. The total area is approximately 2695 square feet and is situated on Macallen Street at Dorchester Avenue. Voted, that the matter be tabled until another meeting.

The following topics for discussion appeared on the agenda: Transfers of money from the appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvement, etc." - the boating program - golf - skating - school yards (Joe McKenney).

The Board did not favor the transfer of funds from the appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvement, etc.", for any purpose for which it was not definitely intended. A suggestion had been made that the Board consider such a transfer for the purpose of financing the Halloween parties this year.

Boating Program. Discussed in connection with proposed appointment of a boating master.

Golf, skating, and school yards. These subjects not discussed owing to lack of time.

The attention of the Board was called to the following transfers of funds within the budget of the Cemetery Division:

From		To	
A-1 Permanent Employees....	$2000.00	A-2 Temp. Employees...	$2000.00
C-15 Tires, tubes, etc.	40.00	C-16 Wearing apparel..	40.00
D-10 Agricultural supplies...	2.00	D-2 Food and ice.....	2.00
D-10 Agricultural supplies...	60.00	D-8 Laundry,cleaning.	60.00

Money is required in A-2 to pay temporary laborers because of our inability to secure satisfactory permanent laborers.

Money required in C-16 for purchase of rubber boots, rubber gloves, etc. for grave diggers. Original appropriation in this item was only $10.00

Money required in D-2 to pay for food supplied cemetery workers on Memorial Day because of overtime work.

Money required in D-8 for the purchase of soap powder and other cleaning supplies.

It was voted to grant the request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works for permission to place a surplus of excavated material in a tidal area on the southwest side of Wood Island Park, adjacent to General

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Edward Lawrence Logan Airport property, East Boston. This area is owned by the City of Boston and is part of the area that is to be taken by the Commonwealth in exchange for other land.

It was voted that the Board of Park Commissioners join with city and state officials in presenting an invitation to the American Institute of Park Executives to hold its fiftieth National Convention in Boston, in 1948.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

September 23, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 2:45 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

Voted: That John J. Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, be empowered to sign all contracts and leases and such other papers that may come before the Park Department for the proper conduct of the business of the department, for the period from September 2, 1947 to April 30, 1948, and that notice of this vote be sent to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

John McCourt Company - 2nd and final estimate - Asphalt Tennis Court Surfacing on Tennis Courts at Fallon Field and Mary Draper Playground, West Roxbury	$ 1,702.86
Walter Reed Corporation - 3rd estimate - Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Jamaicaway, Riverway, Franklin Park and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	14,733.60
Daniel J. Shea - 2nd & final estimate - Excavating and Loaming at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.	890.09
Gertrude L. Fox - In payment for 5856 square feet of land for playground purposes on Tremont Street, Roxbury, as per order of Street Commissioners and Mayor dated June 23, 1947.....	12,689.28
Annie J. and Charles J. Fox - In payment for 5304 square feet of land for playground purposes in the Mission Hill section of Roxbury	3,341.52

The following building permits, submitted to this department by the Building Department, were approved:

273 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of American Red Cross, Boston Metropolitan Chapter, to make interior alterations.

246 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of E. G. Morris Service Inc., for change of occupancy and addition of several apartments.

411 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Garland School for alterations to building, all interior.

324 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Nils Smeland for alterations to building, all interior.

227 Commonwealth Avenue - Massachusetts Dental Society for permission to alter building. Interior alterations converting rooms for office use.

795 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Howard Johnson's Restaurant for permit to construct restaurant building and drives and to erect sign upon this property.

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32 Fenway - Boston Conservatory of Music for permit to alter building by adding fire-escape, adding new stairs and doors.

Approval of the following building permits, submitted to this department by the Building Department, was withheld for the present:

225 Commonwealth Avenue - Request to alter building by adding balcony off room on second floor. Request made by Mildred M. O'Meara. Approval was withheld pending submission of a design of this balcony satisfactory to the Chairman

1220 Boylston Street - Request of Julius J. Frenkel. Purpose of application is a permit for the parking of 75 cars, and a gasoline and filling station at this location. This request was laid on the table.

ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3B of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by Chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for	To the appropriation for
Special appropriation, Reserve Fund $10,000.00	Park Department, B-42 Miscellaneous Services..$10,000.00

VOTED: To approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Fred R. Ralston & Co., 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, for the following work:

Take down and remove 15 elm trees in the City of Boston affected by the Dutch Elm disease, as directed by the Park Department, furnishing men to do this work at the rate of $1.50 per hour and truck at $1.00 per hour. Trees to be taken down and removed six inches above ground.

Work to start on Monday, September 22, 1947. Total cost not to exceed $1800.00, to be charged to B-42 Park Department budget.

VITED: To approve the taking of two parcels of land for park purposes situated in that part of Boston called South Boston, as shown on a plan of the City of Boston Street Laying-Out Department entitled, "Macallen Street, South Boston", dated March 8, 1945, and signed by Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer, bounded and described as follows:

(1) Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Macallen Street 188.81 feet southeast of Fountry Street and running southerly along the new line of Macallen Street 71.53 feet, thence northwesterly by the land of Catherine Donovan 57.96 feet, thence northeasterly by the land of the Macallen Company 42.17 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1222 square feet more or less and belonging to Costas A. Goustas.

(2) Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Dorchester Avenue at its intersection with the new line of Macallen Street and running northwesterly along the land of the Macallen Company 84.41 feet, thence northeasterly along the land of the aforesaid Macallen Company 21.71 feet, thence southeasterly along the land of Costas A. Goustas 57.91 feet, thence southerly along the new line of Macallen Street 33.83 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1473 square feet more or less and belonging to Catherine Donovan.

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The following transfers of funds within the budget of the Park Department and from a special appropriation to the budget were called to the attention of the Board:

From	To
C-3 Electrical.......$100.00	D-8 Laundry $100.00
Park and Playground Improvements,etc., Revenue.....$253.64	B-38 Expert 253.64

Personnel Matters Approved:

John E. O'Brien appointed as permanent third-class engineer, effective as of September 17, 1947, failed to appear for work and the position therefore remains unfilled. Civil Service has been requisitioned for further certification.

Anthony Segadelli, physical instructor, - on leave of absence since August 1, 1947 because of illness, returned to his regular duties on September 17, 1947.

John J. Fitzpatrick - Request for retirement under veterans' retirement act. Approved as of September 17, 1947.

Matters for Discussion: Request of Mr. Lee.

School budget and school yard play program (Mr. McKenney)
Tractors
Playground Policy

In regard to the school yard play program, Commissioner Lee informed the members of the Commission that Mr. Joseph McKenney, Director of Physical Education in the Boston Schools, had talked to him about the possibility of the Park Department conducting their program on the school yards of the city, similar to the program carried on the playgrounds during the past summer by the Park Department.

Mr. Lee stated that Mr. McKenney is submitting his budget by October 1 and that he would like to ascertain the opinion of the Park Commissioners as to the taking over of this program on the school yards which has previously been handled by the School Department.

It was suggested by the Board that Mr. Lee inform Mr. McKenney that it would be advisable for him to handle this matter through his own budget, as this department is not in position to give any definite answer at this time for the reason that it would be necessary to consult with the Budget Commissioner and the Mayor before taking any action.

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The remaining subjects, purchase of tractors and the formation of a playground policy, were laid on the table for discussion at a later meeting.

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VOTED: That the City of Boston, acting by its Board of Park Commissioners, concur with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, in the sale of certain land and in the execution of deed to said land described on plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, Neponset River Reservation, Boston (Dorchester District) Plan of Land to be conveyed to Vasilios C. Primpas, ***August 25, 1947, Benj. R. Davis, Director of Park Engineering".

The reason for the concurrence is that this land is owned by the Metropolitan District Commission but is to be sold. Under the law, before the Metropolitan District Commission can sell land, it must first have the approval of the Park Commissioners of the city in which the land is located.

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VOTED: To approve the following change in compensation in connection with adjustment of laborers' wages:

> Cemetery Division: Michael Diggins, stonemason, from $38.76 to $44.76 per week, and Vincent J. Pizzano, laborer-chauffeur, from $38.76 to $41.76 per week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 10 P.M.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

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October 14, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacpn Street, today, at 2:20 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioner Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

William J. O'Brien, Director of Aquarium -- Expenses of collection of exhibition fish at Wood's Hole, Massachusetts for exhibition at Aquarium ....$	150.00
M. McGinnis Company - 2nd and final payment - "Grading, Filling and Loaming at George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Mass."................................	657.21
P. J. Dinn & Company - 2nd and final payment -"Erection of a Wire Fence along the Charlesbank Shore"..........	320.25
Fred Ralston & Company - 2nd and final payment - "The second Spraying of all Elm trees in the Parks and on City Streets" contract approved July 30, 1947	600.00
P. J. Cantwell & Son - 2nd and final payment - "Carpentry Repairs and Replacements at Hand Ball Courts and fences, L Street South Boston	1,428.45
Daniel J. Harkins, Curator Franklin Park Zoological Garden, Expenses of four men traveling from Franklin Park, Boston, to U. S. Quarantine Farm, Athenia, N. J. for purpose of bringing two camels to the Franklin Park Zoo	91.55
Burgess & Blacker Co. - 2nd and final estimate - "Repairs to Roof at Cabot Street Bath, Roxbury"	834.15
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Cemetery Division employees for transportation charges, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment	20.60
Expenses as above paid to Park Division employees ..	264.24

Unfinished business, laid on table at previous meeting: 1220 Boylston Street - Request of Mr. Julius J. Frenkel for permission to use premises at this location as a parking lot for 75 cars and as a site for a gasoline and filling station.

It was voted to approve the above request on the basis that the petitioner for the filling station landscape the area on the Park System with suitable hedges or other trimming satisfactory to the Board of Park Commissioners.

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The following building permits, submitted to this department by the Building Department, were approved:

15 Autumn Street, Ward 4, - Request of Habit Clinic for permission to tear down piazza on N.W. side of building and construct an addition to be used for office purposes.

4-5 Arlington Street, Ward 5 - Request of The Five Trust (Mr. Edward Wendell) to install a fireproof passageway thru existing stairwell and install interior partitions.

290 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5 - Request of Shea Realty Company for permission to divide house into small suites with maids' quarters on 7th floor.

506 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5 - Request to amend plans filed with Building Department August 19, 1947 by J. A. Keating, to permit installation of a fireproof rear stairway.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, September 23, 1947, at 2 o'clock p.m. for "Excavating and Loaming at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Massachusetts", as follows:

William P. Herlihy,	564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	$4,962.50
Marinucci Bros.& Co.,	51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	5,414.00
M. McGinnis Co.,	34 Brookley Road, Boston	6,960.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to approve the award of the contract to the lowest bidder, William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge, for the approximate sum of $4,962.50, to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-42, Cemetery Division.

Approval of transfer of funds from special appropriation to a regular budget item and also transfers within the regular budget items:

From	To
Special appropriation - Park and Playground Improvements $3,500.00	Park Department D-9 Educational & Recreational$3500.

(In City Council October 6, 1947. Passed
(Approved by the Temporary Mayor Oct. 7, 1947)

From	To
Special appropriation - Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue $9,000.00	A-2 Temporary Employees ..$9000.00

(This transfer now awaiting City Council's
(and Mayor's approval)

Transfers within the Budget:

From	To
E-9 Machinery ....$200.00)	(E-1 Building $400.00
E-13 Miscellaneous ... . 340.00)	(E-5 Sewer 140.00
C-3 Electrical 160.00	C-15 Tires and Tubes 160.00
B-39 General plant .... 300.00)	B-14 Motor Vehicles 500.00
C-3 Electrical .... 200.00)	
D-4 Forage and animal ..... 400.00)	D-16 Miscellaneous 400.00
B-5 Express Charges .... 12.00)	B-1 Printing and binding.. 12.00
C-3 Electrical .... 350.00)	C-13 Tools 550.00
C-11 Marine .... 450.00)	D-8 Laundry, cleaning 250.00
D-4 Forage and animal .... 300.00)	
F-11 Workmen's Compensation 700.00)	D-8 Laundry, cleaning 1000.00
A-3 Overtime 800.00	C-13 Tools & Instruments.. 800.00

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Transfers within the Budget, continued:

From	To
Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue $1200.00	D-9 Recreational and Educational $1200.00

Personnel Matters:

Notice from Boston Retirement Board of the retirement of John J. McDermott, employed as gardner-laborer in this department, effective as of September 30, 1947.

Notice from Boston Retirement Board of the retirement of Mary A. Keough, employed as matron in this department, effective September 30, 1947.

Notice of the retirement of William P. Murray, laborer-chauffeur, under the Veteran's Retirement Act, effective as of October 8, 1947.

Appointment of Duncan C. Thompson, 20 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan, as third-class engineer in this department at $45.68 per week, effective as of October 29, 1947.

Transfer of Mary Murphy, 24 Faulkner Street, Dorchester, from her position as Laundry Worker in the Hospital Department at $28.00 per week plus three meals per day to a position in the Park Department at $29.68 per week.

Arthur Oulette, laborer, died October 1, 1947.

Notice from Boston Retirement Board that the 5 per cent deduction for pension purposes will be takem from wages of all employees immediately upon their permanent appointment instead of waiting until the end of the six-months' probationary period as heretofore.

Report to the Mayor on turning over certain Park properties to the Metropolitan District Commission. Report of the Massachusetts District Commission--sent to the Mayor for his consideration.

Commissioner Lee's suggestions in regard to rates for rental of clubhouse at the George Wright Golf Course. Commissioner Lee to gather further information on fees for use of the club house .

Approval of an agreement with Mr. J. Frederick Clune, 1530 Tremont Street, Roxbury, whereby he is to collect rents from tenants at No. 2-4-6 Shermont Street, Roxbury, the property in the Mission Hill District recently acquired by the city and given into the custody of this department for playground purposes. Mr. Clune's fee is to be six per cent of collections, to be deducted from the total amount before remittance to this office.

Notice has been sent us by the Supply Department that they have received bids for one new 12-ton sanding machine and spreader with hydraulic plow, as follows:

E. A. Forbes & Son,	Cambridge	- FWD Model 7 with Good Road Spreader......	$17923.00
Field Machinery Co.	Cambridge	- Oshkosh W2200 with Good Road Spreader ...	20145.00
C. N. Wood Co.,	Cambridge	- Walter FGRS with Humphreys Spreader	20990.00

Approval of recommendation to Supply Department that Walters truck with the Humphreys Sand Spreader be purchased, as experience has shown it is best adapted to needs of this department.

Personnel Matter:

Change in rating for Joseph M. Heirty from "Boxing Instructor" to "Supervisor of Boxing" at no change in present compensation of $2700. per year. -- Approval held up at request of Mr. Lee.

Approval of request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to Fred Ralston & Company, 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, for the cutting down of dead trees on city streets and on parks, for a sum not to exceed $5000.00 charged to B-42 in Park Department budget.

The Board agreed to accept the offer of the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund of the sum of $20,000.00 for 14 acres of land situated in Franklin Park near Walnut Avenue and Seaver Street in the West Roxbury District, said land to be used as the site of a stadium to be built from proceeds of the Fund. The Board believes the sum of $20,000.00 is a fair cash value for the land. It was also agreed that copy of this vote be sent to the temporary Mayor of Boston and to the City Council of Boston for approval.

Approval of request on His Honor the Mayor that an appropriation of $20000. be made available for acquiring the land and buildings thereon, on Macallen Street and at the southwest corner of Dorchester Avenue, South Boston, and for the developement of the area into a public park. The land contains two parcels, one of 1222 square feet and the other of 1473 square feet, both being shown on plan of the Street Laying-Out Department, dated March 8, 1945, signed "Thomas F. McGovern, Chief Engineer".

Unfinished business held over from previous meeting: 225 Commonwealth Avenue. Voted to approve building alterations as requested. A plan of a balcony to be erected on the front of the building was submitted to the Chairman and was accepted as satisfactory. The Chairman had been given authority to approve the plan, provided the design of the balcony was satisfactory to him, at the previous Board meeting, September 23, 1947.

The meeting was adjourned at 3;30 p.m. so that members could attend a meeting in School Committee rooms.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary

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October 28, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 2:40 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioner Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of minutes of the last meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

William P. Herlihy - First estimate - Contract for Excavation, Loaming and Improvement of Athletic Field at World War Memorial Park, East Boston	$ 14,041.15
James M. McCusker - In payment of land taken for playground purposes in Tremont Street, Roxbury district, as per order of Street Commissioners and Mayor dated June 23, 1947, (5637 square feet)	$ 3,500.00
Peter J. and Ellen Whoriskey - In payment of land taken for playground purposes in Tremont Street, Roxbury District, as per order of Street Commissioners and Mayor dated June 23, 1947, (5638 square feet)	$ 4,250.00

The following building permits were referred to the Park Department for approval, by the Building Department:

205 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Duncanbury School of Arts, Inc., for permit to erect conservative, professional type of sign on building,with the wording "Duncanbury School of Arts". VOTED, to approve this permit.

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Building Permits (Cont.)

Request of F. H. Birch Company, Inc., to erect a 12' x 25' poster panel on the Public Works side of Columbia Road against the embankment of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., adjoining to the Stilphen Motor Co., Dorchester. VOTED, that the matter be tabled until the next meeting.

It was voted to approve a request upon His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $23,000.00 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$ 23,000.00

It was voted to approve the issuance of a service order, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the Central Construction Co., 228 South Hampton Street, Roxbury, for repair of pavement on the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, West Roxbury, in certain sections where needed, for a sum not to exceed $1900.00. The cost of the work is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction, Parkways and Roadways".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, October 14, 1947, at two o'clock p. m., for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston.......	$ 9,302.50
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain	9,942.50
R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston	10,372.50
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	11,139.00
Wes Construction Co., 119 Landseer Street, W. Roxbury	11,139.00
M. Mc Ginnis Co., 34 Brookley Road, Boston	12,032.50
John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	12,225.00

Voted, to award the contract, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $9,302.50, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-42 Cemetery Division.

It was voted to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids, but subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Fred Ralston & Company, 19 Rector Road, Mattapan, for the cutting down of dead Elm trees on city streets and on parks under the control of this department, wherever specified, for a sum not to exceed $5000 in total, same to be charged to the regular Park Departmenr budget item, B-42.

It was voted to approve the issuance of two service orders, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the Easton Tree & Landscape Corporation, of 280 Bridge Street, Dedham, for the furnishing and planting of various types of trees and plants at the Mount Hope and Fairview Cemeteries, for a sum not to exceed $1400.00. The cost of this work is to be charged to B-42 in the Cemetery Division budget.

It was voted to approve the issuance of a requisition, No. 1085, for the purchase of 15 life boats according to specifications submitted, at a cost of $165.00 each, or a total cost of $2475.00, to be charged to "Department Equipment Loan, 1947". Also, approval of recommendation to Supply Department of City of Boston that these boats be purchased from Reids' Shipyard, Inc., Winthrop, Massachusetts, this firm being deemed best qualified to build the boats according to specifications.

It was voted to approve the issuance of a requisition on the Supply Department for furnishing 5000 dozen units of ice cream at 50 cents per dozen, to be delivered to approximately 150 locations throughout the city on the afternoon and evening of October 31 for use at city-sponsored Halloween parties.

It was voted to approve the award of a contract, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the American Coin Lock Company, Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I., for operation of convenience stations on Boston Common, at Park Street, West Street, and Flagstaff Hill, for a term of three years starting November 1, 1947. Under the terms of the contract the City is to pay the sum of $2500 per year to the American Coin Lock Company for this service, and the American Coin Lock Company is also to retain the receipts of the coin locks but is to furnish the services of three attendants and all necessary supplies and cleaning materials

It was voted to approve an extension of time to November 15, 1947 on contract of M. S. Kelliher Company for "New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts", which was approved on August 29, 1946.

It was voted to approve additions to contract of M. S. Kelliher Company for "New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Massachusetts", as follows:

Hang ceiling joists, etc., and substitute 2" x 12" joists in place of 2" x 10", as shown on plan	$ 625.88	add'l.
Increase first floor concrete slabs from 6" to 7" and place steel rods 7" o.c., instead of 8" o.c. as ordered by Building Department	392.45	"
Furnish and install one dead lock on each of four doors and knife guards on three outside doors	58.00	"
Total additions	1,076.33	"
Contract price	46,612.00	"
Contract as standing	47,688.33	"

The following notice of awards made for the taking of land for playground purposes, by the Board of Street Commissioners, was called to the attention of the Board of Park Commissioners:

To James M. McCusker for taking of 5637 square feet of land for playground purposes in Tremont Street, Roxbury district, the sum of $3500.00. Land was taken on June 23, 1947.

To Peter J. and Ellen Whoriskey for taking of 5638 square feet of land for playground purposes in Tremont Street, Roxbury district, the sum of $4250.00. Land was taken on June 23, 1947.

The following transfers of funds from special appropriations to regular budget items were called to the attention of the Board:

From		To	
Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue	$9,000.00	Park Dept., A-2 Temp.Empl.	$9,000.00
" " " " " "	1,200.00	" " D-9 Educational & Recreational	1,200.00
(Above transfers approved on October 20)			
Public Celebrations, Mayor's Office	1,500.00	D-8 Educational & Recreational (For Halloween Program)	1,500.00

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Transfers of funds within the budget:

From		To	
D-13 Chemicals and Disinfectants..	$ 15.00	D-16 Miscellaneous Supplies....	$ 15.00
D-10 Agricultural Supplies	500.00	D-3 Fuel	500.00
C-13 Electrical	5.00)		
C-5 Motorless Vehicles	40.00)		
C-11 Marine	44.00)		
B-29 Stenographic & copying	51.00)	C-17 Miscellaneous equipment...	140.00
F-11 Workingmen's Compensation ...	850.00	D-10 Agricultural	850.00
A-1 Permanent Employees	3000.00	D-3 Fuel	3000.00
E-13 Miscellaneous Materials	400.00	E-1 Building	400.00
A-1 Permanent Employees	750.00	(E-1 Building..................	600.00)
		(C-17 Equipment	150.00)
C-9 Office	105.00)	C-13 Tools	130.00
C-6 Stable	25.00)		
A-3 Overtime	400.00	(D-8 Laundry	325.00
		(D-16 Miscellaneous	75.00

Personnel Matters:

Transfer of Employee:	Mary Murphy, 24 Faulkner Street, Dorchester, from position as Laundry Worker in Hospital Department to position as Matron in Park Department at compensation of $29.68 per week.
Leave of Absence:	Hugh F. Lynch, 7 Cluney Court, Roxbury - Extension of present leave of absence for purpose of serving a provisional appointment in Fire Department as a preliminary to permanent appointment. Leave of absence is effective October 30, 1947 and continues for a three-month period.
Reinstatement:	Mary M. McCann, pianist, reinstatement after an absence since April 8, 1947 because of illness.
Retirement:	Ethel Fisher, matron, retired by Boston Retirement Board on October 31, 1947.
Deceased:	Isiah Williams - Custodian of playground. Died October 23,1947

It was voted to accept Supplemental Agreement No. 2 attached to Contract W1732 eng 1593, said contract dated March 1, 1942 giving to the United States of America the occupancy of World War Memorial Park, East Boston, during the war emergency.

Under Supplemental Agreement No. 2 the United States Government agrees to pay to the City of Boston the sum of $31,790 in lieu of its performance, as specified in the contract, for restoration of the leased premises for civilian use as a park.

The Government also agrees to relinquish, transfer and deliver to the City, without restriction, all improvements placed in and upon the said premises by the Government.

It was voted to acknowledge and confirm the naming of the playground at Albion, Village and Compton Streets as the "Richard Kiley Playground", in conformance with request of Henry Shattuck, Esq., the donor of the playground.

It was agreed that the next meeting date, which under the present schedule falls on a holiday, shall be held either on November 10 or November 12 if either of these days is acceptable to Mr. Haffenreffer.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

November 25, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioner Joseph Lee.

It was voted that the records of the previous meeting be accepted without reading.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses of Park Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous expenses in connection with their employment	$ 337.31
Expenses of Cemetery Division employees	26.25
M. S. Kelliher Co. - 9th estimate under contract for "New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park, Mass."	968.70
William P. Herlihy - 2nd estimate under contract for "Excavation, Loaming and Improvement of Athletic Field at World War Memorial Park, East Boston"	988.38
William K. and Mary G. White - In payment for taking of 8037 square feet of land for playground purposes in Tremont Street, Roxbury District, as per order of Street Commissioners and Mayor dated June 23, 1947,	6250.00
Russell Grant - Expenses of four men from Boston to Athenia, N. Y. and return, for purpose of transporting two Giraffes to the Franklin Park Zoo	78.71

A request of F. H. Birch Company, Inc., which was laid on the table at the previous meeting, was brought up for consideration. It was voted to approve a permit already granted to the F. H. Birch Company, Inc., by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the erection of a 12' x 25' poster panel on the Public Works side of Columbia Road, against the embankment of the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad adjoining the Stilphen Motor Co., Dorchester, Massachusetts. Approval of the Board of Park Commissioners is required for the reason that the area is within 100 feet of a parkway.

VOTED, to approve the following building permits, referred to this department by the Building Department:

28 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from one family to one family and dental office.

128 Commonwealth Avenue - Request for permission to erect a fire-escape in rear for additional egress.

249 Commonwealth Avenue - Remodel to accommodate nine families. Renovations to be made on interior and exterior. (Approved on condition that new brick wall on fourth floor front shall match other face brick on the building)

260-262-264-266 Commonwealth Avenue - Request for permission to cut openings in party wall on every floor - 3' x 7'-metal covered doors - alter front door to swing outward.

VOTED, to request His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $20,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $ 20,000.00

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, October 30, 1947, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fence at Dorchester Park, Dorchester, Massachusetts", as follows:

P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston	$ 2,323.00
The Yeomans-O'Connell Co., 353 Washington St., Brighton	2,613.00

VOTED: to approve the award of a contract to the lower of the two bidders, the P.J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $2,323.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, Etc."

VOTED, to approe a request upon His Honor the Mayor for permission to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to Frost & Higgins Company, 20 Mill Street, Arlington, for furnishing and planting on Boston Common a Norway spruce tree measuring from 55 to 60 feet in height, for the sum of $2318.00. This price includes preparation of the tree pit on the Common, also the digging, balling and moving of the tree from its present location to the new position and properly guying it in place. The tree is intended to be used for the annual Christmas Tree on the Common, instead of a man-made tree as has been the custom for many years. The natural tree will live from three to five years, peryaps longer, and will mean a considerable saving in money expended each year for the Christmas Tree display.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, November 4, 1947, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts", as follows:

R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston	$ 5,010.00
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston St., Boston...	5,176.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain	5,462.00

VOTED, to award a contract, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the lowest bidder, R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $5,010.00, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-42 Miscellaneous Services, in the Cemetery Division budget.

VOTED, to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the Central Construction Company, 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for the repair of parkways and roadways at locations as designated by this department, at unit prices now in effect in an agreement between the Central Construction Company and the Public Works Department of the City of Boston for work of a similar nature. The total amount of the Park Department contract is not to exceed $10,000 and is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Roadways and Parkways".

A notice from the Board of Street Commissioners was called to the attention of the Board of Park Commissioners of a taking of land for playground purposes, in Tremont Street, Roxbury district, on June 23, 1947, containing 8037 square feet, and of the award of $6250.00 to William K. and Mary G. White for said land.

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that a check for $31,790, received from the United States Government in settlement of its agreement to restore World War Memorial Park to satisfactory condition for civilian use, be transferred from the Special Reserve account in the Collector's office to the special appropriation, "Park and Playgrounds, Improvements, etc., Revenue".

VOTED, to approve a contract covering the proposed sale to the City of Boston, by the United States Government, of two buildings at Castle Island, Fort Independence, South Boston, Massachusetts, - Nos. T-15 Mess Hall, and T-50 Fireboat Barracks, for the sum of $455.00.

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The following Order of the City Council was called to the attention of the Board:

DEPOSITED BY-WHITE FUND TRUSTEES 11-24 47

SALE-OF CITY-LANDS

CITY COLLECTOR $20,000.00

That the recommendation of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston that the request and offer of the George Robert White Fund (City of Boston) be accepted and that the Temporary Mayor of the City be authorized to transfer to the City of Boston-George Robert White Fund a parcel of land within Franklin Park containing approximately 609,840 square feet or 14 acres for the purpose of establishing a stadium on said land by the George Robert White Fund, the said Fund to pay to the City of Boston the sum of $20,000 which is the fair cash value of said land. Said Order of the City Council was passed in the Council on October 27 and November 10, and by the Temporary Mayor on November 12, 1947.

The matter of burial charges at Mount Hope Cemetery for our repatriated war dead was brought up for consideration. It was
VOTED, that no change be made in present burial rates.

VOTED, to approve a transfer of funds from special appropriations of the City to special appropriations for use by the Park Department:

From	To
Department Equipment Loan Motor Vehicles $1206.15	Departmental Equipment Loan, Machinery $1206.15
(For purchase of one D.D.T. Air Blown Sprayer for use (on tree work)	
Department Equipment Loan Motor Vehicles $2475.00	Park Department Equipment Loam, Marine Equipment $2475.00
(For purchase of 15 life boats for use at beaches)	
South Boston District Headquarters, Establishment of $3500.00	South Boston Gymnasium, Equipment $3500.00

VOTED, to approve the following promotions, adjustments in compensation, and other personnel matters:

George A. Gillespie, zoo attendant at $41.76 per week, to position of Head Animal Keeper (provisional) at $2500 per year.

Russell L. Grant, tractorman at $41.76 per week, to position of Assistant Head Animal Keeper (provisional) at $2400 per year.

Bernard J. Conley, by temporary transfer for a period of six months from date of approval, from position of General Foreman of Mechanics at $3300 per year to position of Assistant Deputy Commissioner at salary of $3800 per year.

Henry J. Buhle, by temporary transfer for a period of six months from date of approval, from position of Foreman of Public Garden at $3100 per year to General Foreman in charge of Public Garden, Boston Common, Fens Rose Garden, Franklin Park Rose Garden, maintenance of golf courses, and supervision of foremen on these areas, planning and supervision of the planting on traffic ovals, and general charge of horticulture in the department, at salary of $3300 per year.

Paul J. Carrigan, by temporary transfer for a period of six months, from position of Foreman of Tree Division at $2500 to position of General Foreman in charge of maintenance of all playgrounds and play areas throughout the city including all trees on city streets, parks, playgrounds, etc., and supervision of foremen on these areas, at salary of $3000 per year.

Martin F. Walsh, by temporary transfer for a period of six months from date of approval, from position of Foreman of South Boston district at $2500 per year to General Foreman in charge of mechanics and shops, and repairs of department structures, and supervision over all machines, etc., except automobile equipment, at salary of $3000 per year.

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Personnel Matters (Cont.)

Anthony J. Storella, laborer in the paving service of the Public Works Department, transferred to position as laborer in the Park Department at $38.76 per week.

Frederick T. Kaveney, laborer in this department since June 6, 1945, discharged because of unsatisfactory work and poor attendance at work and for failure to answer communications sent to him in regard to his absence from work. Effective November 25, 1947.

Roy Christensen, laundryman in this department, resigned November 25, to accept position as custodian in School Department.

James J. Crowley, Engineer Grade 2, resigned November 19, 1947, to accept position with U. S. Government in Washington.

Ella L. Blackburn, retired from her position as matron in this department by Boston Retirement Board, effective November 30, 1947.

VOTED, to approve the appointment of the following-named nine laborers, selected from Civil Service list, to positions in this department at $38.76 per week: Thomas P. Connelly, William J. O'Neill, Pasquale Lanza, William F. Breen, John J. Farren, William F. Pettipaw, James R. Murphy, Charles R. Smith, Joseph J. Staiti.

A form of concurrence by the Board of Park Commissioners in a deed from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Metropolitan District Commission, of one acre of land in the Hyde Park District of Boston, was brought up for approval. It was voted that the matter be laid on the table until further information can be obtained.

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Following the meeting of the Board, a public hearing was granted to Louis J. O'Brien, Cemetery Division employee, at his request, for the purpose of permitting him an opportunity to answer charges brought against him by his superior, Mr. James A. Walsh, Superintendent of Cemeteries, for insubordination in refusing to obey an order in regard to his work and because of abusive language at the same time.

Present at the above hearing were: Park Commissioners John J. Murphy, the Chairman, and Joseph Lee, Secretary Arthur O'Keefe, Superintendent of Cemeteries James A. Walsh, and Cemetery Division employees William Hawkins and Peter Curley, foremen; also, Councillor Kelly, and a Mr. Sheehan, senior vice commander of the Veterans' Allied Council of Boston, and Louis J. O'Brien.

A transcript of the hearing was taken by John Foley and the complete record is in his possession.

After hearing all parties concerned, the Board took the matter under advisement in private conference. It was voted that Mr. O'Brien be reinstated in his position as grave digger with the understanding that he is to obey all reasonable orders of his superior and that he report to Mr. Frank Donovan, custodian in charge at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, on Monday morning, December 1, at 8 o'clock, for assignment to work.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m.

Arthur O'Keefe

Secretary

December 9, 1947.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 2:45 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Fred Ralston & Company - 2nd estimate - Work done and material furnished under contract for "Removal of Dead Elm Trees on City Streets and on Parks under control of the Boston Park Department", - contract of October 31, 1947	$ 1,319.62
Russell Grant - Expenses of two men (Mr. Grant and Mr. Gillespie) to Catskill, N. Y., and return, for the purpose of transporting a Zebra to the Franklin Park Zoo, on November 18 & 19, 1947	24.05
War Department, Office of Division Engineer - In payment for two buildings on Castle Island (Fort Independence), No. T-15 (Mess Hall) and T-50 (Fireboat Barracks)	455.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses of Park Department and Cemetery Division Employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies, as per vouchers submitted: Dec. 3,1947, Park Div.	309.04
" " " Cem. Div.	45.95
William P. Herlihy - 3rd estimate - Work done and material furnished under contract for "Excavating, Loaming and Improvement of Athletic Field at World War Memorial Park, East Boston	881.15

The matter of burial charges at Mount Hope Cemetery for our repatriated war dead was again brought up for consideration and it was
VOTED, that burial charges be waived for those persons killed overseas in World War 2 and whose next of kin request burial in Mount Hope Cemetery in lots set aside for veterans of the world wars.

VOTED, to approve building permits submitted to this office by the Building Department, as follows:

293 & 295 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from eight to twelve apartments at No. 293, and from eight to eleven apartments and a doctor's office at No. 295.

409-411 & 413 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Garland School for permission to erect fire-escapes in rear of building.

84 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from three apartments to six apartments. Request of Alice Cloudman.

3 Old Road, Ward 14 - Request of Edward Bennett for permission to erect a standard one-car steel garage as per plan submitted.

VOTED, That the Board of Park Commissioners sell at private sale to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston a parcel of land containing 15,230 square feet more or less, for the sum of $1.00, said parcel of land being situated on Commonwealth Avenue at Lake Street and shown with all measurements on plan marked, "City of Boston, Chestnut Hill Park, Brighton, Dec. 22, 1947, Thomas McGovern, Street Laying-Out Department". The original of said plan is on file in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department, City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Board of Park Commissioners agrees to this public sale subject to the condition that the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, his successors and assigns, shall grade the granted premises and construct walks and driveways thereon, in accordance with a plan approved by the Board of Park Commissioners.

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The following orders of the City Council, relating to Park Department matters, were called to the attention of the City Council:

(1) That the sum of thirty-one thousand seven hundred ninety dollars ($31,790.00) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the World War Memorial Park Special Reserve Account, to be expended under the direction of the Chairman of the Park Department for Park and Playground Improvements.

In City Council Nov. 24, 1947. Passed.
Approved by Temporary Mayor Nov. 25, 1947.

(2) That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3B of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by Chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the Appropriation For	To the Appropriation For
Park Department, Special Appropriation "South Boston District Headquarters, Establishment of".....$3,500.00	Park Department, Special Appropriation "South Boston Gymnasium Equipment...$3,500.00

In City Council Nov. 24, 1947. Passed.
Approved by the Temporary Mayor Nov. 25, 1947.

VOTED, to approve extensions of time on contracts as follows:

William P. Herlihy - Contract for "Excavating and Loaming at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Massachusetts", - extended from November 16 to December 15, 1947.

Frost & Higgins Co., - Contract for "Furnishing and Transplanting a Live Spruce Tree on Boston Common", - extended from December 10 to December 20, 1947.

M. Solimando - Contract for "Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts", - extended from November 18 to February 18, 1948.

VOTED, to approve the following change in contract:

M. Solimando - Contract for "Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts". Additions as per order dated December 5, 1947...$372.68. Total of contract now...$23,299.68.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

VOTED, to approve appointment of first-class firemen beginning December 17, 1947, at wages of $45.68 per week, as follows:

Edward P. Powers,	1150 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park
James H. Phalen,	15 Whitford Street, Roslindale

VOTED, to approve change in rating of Joseph M. Heirty from that of boxing instructor to Supervisor of Boxing, with no change in compensation, said rating having been granted by Civil Service on a provisional basis for a period of six months.

VOTED, to grant a leave of absence to John F. O'Brien from his duties in this department as a crane operator at $41.76 per week to permit him to accept a similar position in the Transit Department for a period of six months from December 1, 1947 to May 31, 1947.

VOTED, to grant the usual annual permit to the Boston Bowling Green Club for use of the Bowling Greens in Franklin Field during the season of 1947, at $450.0 for the season.

The remainder of the time of this meeting was given over to a discussion of the budget for the year 1948.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45 p. m.

Secretary

January 15, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 2.55 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Walter Reed Corporation - 1st estimate - Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts	$ 7,745.50
William P. Herlihy - 1st estimate - Excavating and Loaming at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton	4,142.13
Walter Reed Corporation - 4th & final est. - Sheet Asphalt Pavement on Roadways in Jamaicaway, Riverway, Franklin Park and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	17,226.23
M. Solimando - 1st estimate - Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts	14,019.30
Central Construction Co., - 1st est. - Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement on any Park Roadway upon which there is no maintenance guaranty	2,918.19
Fred Ralston & Company - 3rd estimate - Removal of Dead Elm Trees on City Streets and on Parks under control of the Boston Park Department,- contract of Oct. 31, 1947	1,584.23
Allied Engineering Corporation - 2nd estimate - Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Repairs to the Lion House at the Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts	560.77
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses of Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies required in connection with their employment ... Dec. 31, Park Div.	399.33
Dec. 31, Cem. Div.	30.42
The Frost & Higgins Co., - 1st estimate - Furnishing and Transplanting a Live Spruce Tree on Boston Common	1,970.30
P. J. Dinn & Company - 1st estimate - Furnishing and Erecting a Wire Fence at Dorchester Park, Dorchester, Mass.	1,722.62

The following building permits, referred to this department by the Building Department, were approved:

484 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from drug store and offices to soda fountain, luncheonette restaurant and offices.

520-524 " " - Cut openings in party walls, remove stairs and install fire-proof doors as per plans submitted.

636-638 Beacon Street - Change occupancy from eight apartments and eight doctors' offices to seven apartments and twelve doctors' offices.

642-658 " " - Addition of floor slab in rear entrance area and addition of steps to rear entrance. Enclosing of boiler room wall and filling in outside stair well. Addition of stairs to basement - all as per plans submitted.

130-132 Boylston Street- Build and erect marquee with signs thereon as per plans filed.

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Request was made by Joseph M. Lepore for permission to erect a Neon sign at 701 Columbia Road, Dorchester, with a 6-foot projection and 4-ft.6-inches verical, to be lettered, "U. S. Royal Tires". The matter was laid on the table until the next meeting.

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $18,321.85 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $ 18,321.85

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to award a service order to the Caproni Galleries of Amedeo, Inc., 1914 Washington Street, Bos for the building of an outdoor Nativity scene on Boston Common as part of the City's Christmas observance, for an estimated sum of $1650.00, to be charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

VOTED, to approve an extension of time to June 1, 1948 for completion of contract of Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty".

The following City Council Orders were called to the attention of the Board:

(1) Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston be authorized to sell at public auction at an upset price of one hundred ten thousand dollars ($110,000) a parcel of land at the northwest corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Chestnut Hill Avenue, in the Brighton district, containing approximately 66,762 square feet.

This order approved for second time in City Council December 22, 1947 and by the Mayor December 24, 1947.

Land to be sold at public auction, at the office of the Park Commissioner, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, January 20, 1948, at 11 A. M.

(2) Ordered: That the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction at an upset price of $1500.00 a parcel of land on the southwesterly side of Sumner Street, numbered 245 in the numbering of said Sumner Street, East Boston, containing about 16,000 square feet of land.

This order approved for second time in City Council December 29, 1947 and by the Mayor December 30, 1947.

Land to be sold on January 27, 1948, at 11 A. M., at public auction.

(3) Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston be authorized to sell at public auction at an upset price of $7500 the parcel of land situated on West Broadway, C and Athens Streets, South Boston, containing about 15,518 square feet.

This order approved for the second time in City Council December 29, 1947 and by the Mayor December 30, 1947.

Land to be sold at public auction on January 27, 1948 at 11 A. M.

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to dispose of twin male lions from the Franklin Park Zoo to Mr. William Chase of Egypt, Massachusetts, for the reason that the lions are no longer good specimens for exhibition purposes and have no trade or money value and because the cage in which they are now housed is needed for the tiger which is to be donated to the Zoo by the Boston Cat Club.

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VOTED, on advice of the Law Department to approve a recommendation to the City Collector and City Auditor that a bill in the sum of $324.30 against the Boston Elevated Railway Company be abated. This bill was committed to the Collector and Auditor on February 15, 1946 and is a claim against the Boston Elevated Railway Company for damage to Park Department car No. 16 by an Elevated Railway street car on August 3, 1945. The Law Department stated that after reviewing all the evidence there seemed so little likelihood of success on the city's part that the expenses of a trial are not warranted.

VOTED, to approve the granting of a permit to the Jolly Ice Cream Company to sell ice cream, candy, soft drinks, etc., at the following locations in the Park Department for a period of one year, January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, for a fee of $300.00.

> Boston Common at main gate on Charles Street and at Charles Street gate near Park Square; Charlesbank Playground and beach; North End Playground and beach, Fens Stadium Playground.

VOTED, to approve the granting of a permit to Mr. William Taylor of 8 Nonantum Street, Brighton, to have the golf professional's concession at the George Wright Golf Course and also the golf shop and refreshment privileges in the George Wright Clubhouse building, for one year from January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, for the sum of $100.00.

VOTED, to approve the following personnel matters:

Appointments

> Louis J. Gallagher, 7 Olney Street, Dorchester, as Laundryman at $41.76 per week. Approved by Mayor on December 17, 1947.
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> Catherine E. Higgins, 70 Bartlett Street, Roxbury, as Seamstress at $29.68 per week. Approved January 7, 1948.
>
> Delia Benson, 65 Glendower Road, Roslindale, as Matron at $29.68 per week. Transfer from Sanatorium Division, effective January 14, 1948.

Salary Increases

> Patrick J. Ryan, Assistant Director of Recreation, from $2900 to $3400 per year, effective December 29, 1947.

Retirement

> Michael F. Coughlin, Engineer, retired by Boston Retirement Board as of the close of business December 31, 1947.

VOTED, toapprove a suggestion to His Honor the Mayor that the Law Department of the City be requested to propose an amendment to Chapter 690 of the Acts of 1945, said Chapter 690 being an authorization for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to take over the maintenance of certain bridges on main highway routes in the State, the time limit for such turn-over having been set as of January 1, 1946. The proposed amendment would extend the time limit so as to permit any or all bridges now maintained by the Park Department of the City of Boston to be transferred to the custody and maintenance of the Commonwealth.

The matter of fees for rental of the George Wright Golf Course Clubhouse, between November 15 and April 15 each year, for social and civic meetings, was brought up for discussion, and it was

VOTED, that the following scale of fees and certain regulations as listed be adopted:

	Per Engagement
Charitable, Religious, Educational and Neighborhood Civil Meetings	$15.00
Fraternal Meetings	25.00
Industrial and Commercial Meetings	25.00
Weddings, Dances, Banquets, etc.	40.00

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George Wright Fees and Regulations (Cont.)

If electric apparatus and lights are used in the kitchen in connection with any wedding, dance or banquet, and it is necessary to clean the dining room after such use of the room, then a charge shall be made, not to exceed $10, payable directly to the licensee of the refreshment privilege in the George Wright Golf Course Club House.

Police to be paid by persons renting the Clubhouse.

Closing house when hall is rented: Monday-Friday, 12.45 A.M.; Saturdays, 11.45 P. M.; Sundays, 10.00 P. M.

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners has no objection to allowing the Howard-Johnson Company to construct an entrance from its proposed restaurant at 381 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton, at Cleveland Circle, on to adjacent land located on the southerly side of Chestnut Hill Avenue at Cleveland Circle, adjoining the playground. The Order for the sale of this land, which was formerly part of the playground, was approved in City Council December 2, 1946 and signed by the Mayor on December 31, 1946, and approved by the Board at its meeting on January 22, 1947

VOTED, that a portion of the playground known as Jefferson Playground, at Heath and Crawford Streets, Jamaica Plain, is no longer needed for playground purposes, said portion containing approximately 136,000 square feet and, as described, is everything west of the boundary line between the Jefferson School and the playground and that line extending southerly to Grotto Glen Road, as roughly shown on plan entitled, "Proposed Site for Veterans' Hospital", dated December 9, 1947.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.20 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

February 2, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office today, at 33 Beacon Street, at 10.25 o'clock A. M.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was voted to approve the following permits for building alterations, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

249 Commonwealth Avenue - To remove existing double hung window in basement and change to casement windows to open out.

Commonwealth Avenue - Adding one additional master bathroom on first floor.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, January 22, 1948, at two o'clock p. m., for "Reconstructing Concrete Walls and Slopes at the American Legion Playground, East Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

John McCourt Co.,	910 Huntington Avenue, Boston.....	$ 15,642.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons,	18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain ...	15,708.00
Walter Reed Corp.,	1078 Boylston Street, Boston	17,120.00
Rossano Construction Co., Inc.,	401 Border St., E.Boston..	18,379.00
James S. Kelliher,	4 Washington St., Quincy	20,782.00
J. A. Singarella Co.,	15 Bay Street, Boston	22,300.00
Joseph A. Rossetti,	55 Fernwood Avenue, Revere........	25,995.00
Rev-Lyn Contracting Co.,	9 Hudson Street, Lynn	29,443.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the second lowest bidder, F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $15,708.00, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, Park Department B-39. The reason for awarding the contract to the second lowest bidder is that the Board believes the work under this contract can be better done by the Dolan Company, who are licensed builders, than by the McCourt Company who are primarily road building contractors.

VOTED, to approve the permanent appointment of the following laborers, to fill vacancies caused by death or retirement in this department, effective as of February 11, 1948:

Daniel F. Cosgrove, 20 Grant Street, Dorchester
Louis J. DeFazio, 10 Bulfinch Place, Boston
Fred W. Coyne, 10 Knowlton Street, South Boston
Chester J. Siedlecki, 194 Magnolia Street, Dorchester.

The Board considered the provisions of House Bill No. 1383 of 1948 which would lease or permit the use of land held by City of Boston for park, playground or gymnasium purposes. This bill grants further powers than those permitted under Senate Bill No. 522 passed in 1947 which allowed the Park Commissioner to permit use of playgrounds for athletic purposes only, the Park Department to receive a portion of the fees collected provided an admission charge was made.
VOTED, to charge a reasonable fee on parks and playground areas if the areas are leased or rented by reputable organizations or individuals, provided House Bill No. 1383 is approved by the Legislature. The type of events to be permitted on playgrounds and park areas, and the fees to be charged for same, will be determined later by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 o'clock a. m.

Secretary

February 12, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held today, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

The Board considered the following communication from the Trustees of the City of Boston- George Robert White Fund:

> "Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston
> 33 Beacon Street
> Boston, Massachusetts
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> Gentlemen:
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> THE CITY OF BOSTON - GEORGE ROBERT WHITE FUND acting by and through the Trustees designated in the Fourteenth Clause of the Will of George Robert White and having the control and management of said Fund on Feb. 11, 1948, passed the following vote:
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> VOTED: That for the purpose of the establishment of a WAR MEMORIAL by the CITY OF BOSTON - GEORGE ROBERT WHITE FUND the Trustees have selected a site containing approximately Two and Sixty-One Hundredths (2.61) acres of land situated in the Back Bay Fens near Park Drive and Agassiz Road.
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> The City of Boston - George Robert White Fund requests that the City of Boston transfer said land to the City of Boston - George Robert White Fund.
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> The City of Boston - George Robert White Fund offers to the City of Boston the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars as the fair

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cash value of said land.

The Manager of the City of Boston - George Robert White Fund is directed to cummunicate this request and offer to the Mayor and City Council and to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,
James J. McCarthy
Manager"

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners recommends that the request and offer of the Cityof Boston - George Robert White Fund be accepted and further recommends that the selected area of land be transferred to the City of Boston - George Robert White Fund for the sum of $25,000, the fair cash value thereof.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 o'clock a. m.

Arthur J O'Keefe
Secretary

February 17, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

William K. and Mary G. White, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, 1493 Tremont Street, Roxbury, Mass. (This draft is substituted in place of one for the same amount of money and made to the same persons, dated November 25, 1947, which was made up for payment and then withdrawn) - Payment for 8037 square feet of land for playground purposes on Tremont Street, Roxbury District, as per order of Street Commissioners and Mayor dated June 23, 1947	$ 6,250.00
William P. Herlihy - 2nd and final payment - "Excavating and Loaming at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Massachusetts", contract approved October 7, 1947, ...	730.96
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paidto Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies	444.97
Paid to Cemetery Division Employees	15.63
R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston - 1st estimate - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts"	2,022.28
Walter Reed Corporation - 2nd and final payment - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"	1,613.47

The matter of approval of a Neon sign to be erected on the building at 701 Columbia Road, Dorchester, laid on the table at the previous meeting, was again brought up for consideration. The sign is to be 6' projection and 4'6" vertical and is to be lettered, "U. S. Royal Tires". It was voted that the sign be approved.

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It was voted to approve the following building permits, referred to this department by the Building Department:

63 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Back Bay Realty Co., to remodel one apartment on third floor, as per plans submitted.

132-134 Tremont Street - Request of A. W. Perry Inc., for alterations and improvements to exterior and interior of building.

250 Seaver Street - Request of Daughters of Israel, Inc., for change of occupancy from two-family dwelling to Synagogue.

It was voted to disapprove the following building permit, referred to this department by the Building Department:

84 Beacon Street - Request of White Enterprise, Inc., for permission to erect a double-faced Neon sign advertising Restaurant-Cocktail Lounges.

VOTED, to approve a request upon His Honor the Mayor for permission to retain the services of M. McGinnis Company, 34 Brookley Road, Boston, for the removal of snow from the parkways and roadways, from January 25 to January 30, 1948, at a total cost of $1718.40, charged to the Snow Removal Appropriation.

VOTED, to approve an extension of time to May 1, 1948, on contract of R. W. Balam for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts".

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to authorize the use of $60,000 from the income of the General Cemetery Fund to the A-1 budget item in the Cemetery Division, as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913 and approved annually for the last 12 or 15 years.

VOTED, to approve of the following sales of park land at public auction:

(1) On January 20, 1948 a public auction sale was held at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners. Vacant land located at Commonwealth Avenue at the corner of Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton, containing approximately 66,762 square feet, was auctioned by the City Auctioneer, Irving Lewis. One bid of $110,000 was received from Meyer Slobodkin, of 11 Beacon Street, who acted as the buyer's agent. The bid was accepted and a deposit of $15,000 was made to the City Auctioneer by Mr. Slobodkin, which was later deposited with the City Treasurer. The balance of the purchase price is due on February 20. Information relative to this land sale was called to the attention of the Board at the meeting January 15.

(2) On January 27, 1948 a public auction sale was conducted by Irving Lewis, City Auctioneer, at the office of the Park Department, 33 Beacon Street. Two parcels of park property were auctioned off, one located at Sumner and Orleans Streets, East Boston, containing approximately 16,000 square feet, and the other at the corner of C Street and Broadway, South Boston, known as the proposed bymnasium site, containing 15,518 square feet.

There were several bidders for the property on Orleans and Sumner Streets and it was finally sold at the price of $16,300 to buyer's agent, Gerardo Tedeschi, 250 Bennington Street, East Boston, who acted for Jerry Nigro, 12 Montmorenci Avenue, East Boston. A $500 deposit was made on this purchase price and was deposited with the City Treasurer. Then, under date of February 4, a letter was received by the Park Commissioner from Jerry Nigro asking that

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he be relieved of the purchase of this property because the bank will not allow him a mortgage on unoccupied land. This is a matter for the Board to decide. In the event that he is so relieved of his obligation, he forfeits the deposit of $500.00.

(3) The land at C Street and Broadway, South Boston, was auctioned off to Paul Melrose of 80 Federal Street, Boston, and of 20 Longfellow Road, Cambridge. A bid of $9000 was received on this property and $1000 deposited, which was later deposited with the City Treasurer. The balance of the purchase price is due on February 27. Title is to be taken in the name of S. S. Realty Co., Inc.

VOTED, to approve the award of an architect's contract to Harrison H. Atwood for the construction of a golf house building at Franklin Park, for an approximate sum of $25,000. The drawing of plans is to be done at the regular standard rate.

VOTED, to approve the following transfer of funds in special appropriations:

From	To
Departmental Equipment Loan, Revenue $10,000.00	Park Department, Departmental Equipment, Loan, Motor Vehicles, Non-revenue..$10,000.

VOTED, to approve the request of the Boston Herald-Traveler for permission to install four, and perhaps six, television receiving sets in the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common to bring to the public the actual pictures of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions in Philadelphia. The installation to be all at the expense of these newspapers,and to be purely temporary so that no harm will be done to Park Department property.

Personnel Matters:

VOTED: that

Thomas J. Veasey be promoted from position of Zoo Attendant at $41.76 per week to Assistant Head Animal Keeper at $2400 per year.

William B. Fitzgerald be reinstated in his former position of Inspector at $2100 per year, from which he resigned in November of 1944.

Joseph E. Campagna's transfer be approved from Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Framingham Teachers' College) as a third-class engineer at $2400 per year to the Park Department of the City of Boston as a third-class engineer at $49.18 per week, effective January 19, 1948.

Lawrence Fallon be retired from his position as Gardener-Laborer under Chapter 658, effective at close of business January 31, 1948.

George C. Melledy be retired from position as Lifeguard and Helper, effective at close of business January 31, 1948, under provisions of Chapter 658.

Thomas F. O'Gara's resignation of his position as laborer be accepted, effective at close of business on Tuesday, February 17, to accept position with Boston Fire Department.

VOTED, to approve requests upon His Honor the Mayor for approval of contracts for snow and ice removal as follows:

Walter Reed Corporation - One 3/4-yard power shovel with truck, and the necessary equipment and men, for excavating of snow and ice on the section of Commonwealth Avenue between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue, at the regular city rates allowed for snow removal, the total cost not to exceed $1400.00. The work to be done between February 9 and 13 inclusive.

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Coleman Bros. Corp. - One Grader and one 22-ton Caterpillar for removal of snow and ice from Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, and from Glen Road in Franklin Park, between the dates February 9 and 15, at the regular city rates allowed for snow removal, the total cost not to exceed $1100.00.

It was voted to cancel the agreement with William Taylor of 8 Nonantum Street, Brighton, which he signed on January 9, 1948 for the golf professional's concession and the sports shop and refreshment privileges at the George Wright Golf Course and to substitute a new agreement eliminating the refreshment privilege and retaining only the golf professional's and sports shop concession, at a yearly fee of $50.00. This action was taken at Mr. Taylor's request. ✓

The Board considered a Council Order that the Park Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish parking privileges in Franklin Park from the Blue Hill Avenue Gate to the Bird Cage, until the present emergency due to snow and ice is over. It was voted that the matter be left to the Chairman for decision.

VOTED, to grant an exploration permit to the Veterans Administration, for the United States Government, to enter certain park lands for the purpose of making test borings, load tests, test wells, topographical, property line and utility surveys, etc. The land is in the vicinity of Jefferson School and Cranford Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J O'Keefe
Secretary

March 23, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was voted to approve payment of the following special drafts:

Fred Ralston & Company - 4th & final payment - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees on City Streets and on Parks under the Control of the Boston Park Department", contr.10.31.47,$	498.60
The Frost & Higgins Co. - 2nd & final payment - "Furnishing and Transplanting a Live Spruce Tree on Boston Common," contract of December 1, 1947	347.70
P. J. Dinn & Co. - 2nd & final payment - "Furnishing and Erecting a Wire Fence at Dorchester Park, Dorchester", contract of November 25, 1947, ...	303.99
Walter Reed Corporation - 2nd & final payment - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury", contract of October 24, 1947	1,557.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Cemetery Division and Park Division employees for expenses incurred in connection with their employment, bill dated 3.2.48,	
Park Division	373.51
Cemetery Division.....	44.44

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VOTED; to approve the following contracts, all of an emergency nature, awarded without publicly advertising for bids by permission of His Honor the Mayor:

Coleman Bros. Corporation - "Removal of Ice and Snow from Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, and from Glen Road in Franklin Park, between the dates February 9 and 15 inclusive". Charged to Snow Removal Appropriation	$ 1,100.00
Walter Reed Corporation - "Excavating of Snow and Ice on the Section of Commonwealth Avenue between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue, Back Bay, from February 9 to 17 inclusive". Charged to Snow Removal Appropriation. Total cost not to exceed	1,400.00
Walter Reed Corporation - "Temporary Repairs to Park Department Roadways and Parkways". Charged to Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways. Total sum not to exceed	5,000.00
Fred Ralston & Company - "Trimming of Trees and Removal of Dead Trees on City Streets and on Parks and Playgrounds where directed". Charged to B-42. Total sum not to exceed	7,000.00
Walter Reed Corporation - "Removal of Snow and Ice from Commonwealth Avenue in Vicinity of Chestnut Hill Avenue during the period of February 9 to 13 inclusive". Charged to Snow Removal Appropriation. Total sum not to exceed	1,150.00

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 2 o'clock p. m., on March 16, 1948, for "Concrete Liners, Subsoiling, and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	$ 9,994.00
R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston	10,025.00
J. D'Amico, 48 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	12,945.00
Marinucci Bros. & Co., Inc., 51 Ceylon St., Dorchester	12,963.10
Charles Struzziery Co., 9 Struzziery Ter., Roslindale	19,936.50

VOTED: subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $9,994.00. same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-42 Cemetery Division.

A request was received from Mr. Frank Goon,representing the Chinese Benevolent Association, that a plot of land at Mount Hope Cemetery be set aside for the interment of Chinese dead. After considering the request, the Board VOTED:

> That a plot of land be set aside for the interment of Chinese dead in Mount Hope Cemetery, known as Section "D", bordered by Central, Lee and Webster Avenues,fronting on Lee Avenue, said plot to have sufficient area to provide 550 to 600 graves. The price per grave with a concrete liner therein is to be $50.00 without perpetual care.
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> This action was taken with the understanding that the Board may revise the rate per grave at any time it is deemed necessary.

The Board considered the request of Mr. Daniel E. Hurley of 61 Magazine Street, Roxbury, for abatement of the sum of $500, the amount outstanding on his rental for the year 1947 for the refreshment privilege at Carson Beach, Columbus Park, South Boston. Because of general business conditions at the beach during the summer of 1947 and other difficulties encountered there, the Board VOTED: That an abatement of $500 be granted Mr. Hurley on the 1947 rental for the concession at Columbus Park (Carson Beach), South Boston, and that notice of this action be sent to the City Collector and the City Auditor.

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The Board considered the request of Mr. John P. Burke, the lessee of the refreshment privilege at Franklin Park Refectory Building, for conversion of the now empty Monkey House in Franklin for use as a recreational attraction. Mr. Burke proposed to install a Carousel similar to the one in Central Park in New York, or a Model Railroad similar to the one at Norumbega Park. The Board disapproved Mr. Burke's application for the reason that it has no authority under the law to permit the use of any park building for commercial purposes.

The Board considered the request of Mr. Benjamin White, president of Hampshire House, for permission to erect a neon sign over the building at 84 Beacon Street advertising "Restaurant and Cocktail Lounges", or, if there is objection to the word "cocktail", then Mr. White's request is for the words, "Restaurant---Lounge", only. The Board
VOTED to grant Mr. White permission to add the one word "Restaurant" to that part of the canopy on the privately owned property which enters into the building, the Board being of the opinion that any wording on the canopy over the sidewalk is a matter for the Street Commissioners.

The Board considered the request of a group of citizens represented by Councillor Lanigan to rename the Copps Hill Terrace, or Prince Street Playground, or North End Park in honor of Private John S. DeFilippo, deceased veteran of World War II. Private DeFilipop, whose home was at 536 Commercial Street, was a graduate of Michael Angelo School and had studied seven years in the Franciscan Seminaries at Lowell and at Troy, New York. He enlisted in the army on July 19, 1944 and was killed in Germany on April 17, 1945. The Board agreed to suggest to Councillor Lanigan that the Snow Hill Street Playground, at the corner of Prince Street, formerly known as the Old Gas House Lot, be named in honor of Private DeFilippo and that the matter then be laid on the table for further discussion after the Councillor's views in regard to the suggestion are known.

It was voted to grant the request of Mr. Myer H. Slobodkin, recent purchaser of land at Commonwealth and Chestnut Hill Avenues, Boston, for a further extension of thirty days' time for the performance of his agreement made at the time of the purchase of the land.

The attention of the Board was called to a notice of decision by the Board of Zoning Adjustment to confirm the decision of the Board of Appeal regarding the Appeal and Petition of New England Deaconess Hospital to vary the provisions of Section 13 of the Zoning Law by permitting building at premises 185 Pilgrim Road to a height in excess of the height limit permitted in that district. The Notice further stated that appeal from this decision may be made within fifteen days from date of notice.

The Board considered several applications for the concession privilege in the lunch room of the George Wright Golf Course Clubhouse. It was VOTED, that the matter be laid on the table until the next meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

The Board voted to approve the following actions in regard to personnel matters in the department:

Appointments as permanent laborers at $38.76 per week:

Charles McCarthy, 202 Baker Street, W. Roxbury, - effective 2.25.48
Joseph Pickett, 17 Stellman Road, Roslindale)
Edward A. Cass, 178 Hillside Street, Roxbury)
Roger W. Dennehey, 72 Eustis Street, Roxbury) Effective
Giovanni Napolio, 27 Hancock Street, Boston) 3.24.48
James P. Cunnally, 21 Wensley Street, Roxbury)
Richard E. Bergeron, 506 East 7th Street, So. Boston)

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Promotion or Adjustment in Compensation:

Thomas F. Martin, from Foreman to General Foreman (temporary transfer) with increase from $2900 to $3100 per year.

Joseph M. Walsh, from General Foreman to Assistant Deputy Commissioner (temporary transfer) with increase from $3300 to [3800 per year.

Maurice J. Dineen, from $3000 to [3500 per year, no change in rating of Chief Inspector.

Coleman J. Griffin, from Gasoline Engine Operator to Hoisting Engineer and Steam Shovel Operator. No change in present compensation of $44.76 per week.

Transfer of Employee:

Thomas F. O'Brien transferred to Public Buildings Department, effective as of March 10, 1948.

Reinstatement:

Dennis E. Alebord, scytheman at $38.76 per week, reinstated effective as of February 11, 1948. Resigned September 9, 1947 because of illness.

Discharge:

Louis J. Gallagher, laundryman, discharged March 9, 1948 because of generally unsatisfactory services. He was appointed December 24, 1947 and was still serving his probationary term.

Retirement:

Joseph P. Howe, Greenkeeper at Franklin Park Golf Course, retired by Boston Retirement Board on March 31, 1948, having reached the age of 70 years.

Promotion:

Russell Grant, from Assistant Head Animal Keeper to Head Animal Keeper. Increase in salary from $2400 to $2500 per year.

The Board considered the request and offer of The City of Boston--George Robert White Fund, through its Board of Trustees, that the sum of $19,500 be accepted as fair cash value of land situated in the Doherty Heights Playground bounded by Bunker Hill Street, St. Martin's Street and Medford Street, Charlestown, containing approximately 1 1/2 acres. The land is required for purpose of building a swimming pool, bathhouse and bleachers. The Board
VOTED, to accept the offer of $19,500 for this land, payable to the City of Boston by the City of Boston--George Robert White Fund.

$19,500.00-DEPOSITED-BY. PARK-DEP'T. WITH-CITY-COLLECTOR-5-3-48-"SALE-OF-CITY LANDS".

The meeting was adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p. m.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary

At this meeting, March 23, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

> To develop and sustain an interest in popular sports and to keep our playgrounds open to all participants who consecutively and successfully manifest such interest, as equitably as possible--and to their friends and neighbors who wish to follow the contests--the Director of Recreation shall be and hereby is instructed to invite and encourage the formation of ball teams among our citizens young and old, and to grade, rank and classify such teams in leagues with others of comparable ability, to assign officials, record the standing of teams, and enforce rules and regulations in accordance with the system and practices successfully inaugurated ~~and developed~~ in the past.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary

April 13, 1948.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.45 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

William P. Herlihy - 4th and final payment - "Excavating, Loaming and Improvement of Athletic Field at World War Memorial Park, East Boston, Massachusetts", ...$	3,245.03
M. S. Kelliher Company - 10th and final payment - "New Field House, Ross Playground, Hyde Park"	4,768.63
Fred Ralston & Company - 1st estimate - "Trimming of Trees and Removal of Dead Trees on City Streets and on Parks and Playgrounds", ...	1,605.95
Russell Grant - "Expenses of trip to Catskill, New York (two men) for the purpose of bringing back two deer for display at Franklin Park Zoological Garden"......	29.10
Walter Reed Corporation - 1st estimate - "Temporary Repairs on Park Department Roadways"	4,155.90
Fred Ralston & Company - 2nd estimate - "Trimming of Trees and Removal of Dead Trees on City Streets and on Parks and Playgrounds"	1,348.18
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment, (April 8, 1948) ..Cem. Division	34.85
Park Division	353.30

The following building permit was referred to this department by the Building Department for approval: Permit approved by the Board.

356-358 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Harry H. Byron for change of occupancy of third floor rear from dentist's office to medical massage office and physical therapy.

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council for a transfer of the income of the George F. Parkman Fund now available, for expenditure under direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of $38,000.00

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to award a service order to the Clyde Everett Equipment Company, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, for repair of the steam and gas rollers in this department for the sum of $1569.80.

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award an architect's contract for architectural services in the preparation of plans and specifications for the new golf building to be erected at the No. 1 Tee on the Franklin Park Golf Course, to Mr. Harrison H. Atwood, 32 Laurel Avenue, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. The architect's fee is to be six per cent of the amount of the construction contract estimated at $25,000. The amount of

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the architect's contract, approximately $1500, will be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on April 8, 1948, for "Constructing By-Pass Roadway and Parking Area in the Riverway, Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Walter Reed Corporation	$ 47,286.00
J. F. White Contractors	50,748.50
M. McGinnis Co.	52,168.00
John McCourt Co.	52,325.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp.	53,422.90
J. A . Singarella	55,635.00
James A. Susi	57,262.50
Coleman Bros.	57,940.00

In connection with the above-named job, the following bids were received by the Public Works Department for the sewerage works in Muddy River improvement:

Rev-Lyn Construction Co.	$ 39,137.70
Walter Reed Corporation	45,733.00
Struzziery	46,714.00
A. Barrafoldi Co.	49,880.00
Coleman Bros.	57,508.00
Bucculli	60,631.00

VOTED, to award the contract for "Constructing By-Pass Roadway and Parking Area in the Riverway, Roxbury, Massachusetts", to the lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corporation Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, for the total approximate sum of $47,286.00, to be charged to two appropriations as follows: Part A, covering construction of the by-pass roadway, in the amount of $11,835, to "Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways", and Part B, covering construction of the parking area, to "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., in the amount of $35,451.00, all subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor.

VOTED, to award a lease, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Mr. James P. Hoar, 1662 Columbia Road, South Boston, for the refreshment concession on Castle Island, South Boston, for a term of five years from May 1, 1948, at a rental of $1315.00 per year, which is the same rental paid by Mr. Hoar for the same concession prior to the recent war.

VOTED, to award a license to Rita M. Corcoran for the refreshment privilege in the George Wright Golf Clubhouse for one year beginning April 1, 1948 and terminating March 31, 1949, for the sum of $100.00.

The Board considered the matter of renaming the Snow Hill playground on Prince Street, formerly known as the Gas House Lot, in honor of Private John DeFilippo, one-time resident of the North End and later a Franciscan Order seminary student who discarded the robes of the Order for the army uniform and was killed in action in Germany during the late war. (Request was made through City Council Order introduced by Councillor Lanigan).
VOTED, that the matter be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for the temporary employment of 85 basketball officials (60 men and 25 women) between January 1, 1948 and March 13, 1948. The rate of pay is $8.00 per senior league game and $5.00 per junior league game, or a total of $5,408.00, charged to A-2 Temporary Employees.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

VOTED, to approve the following personnel matters:

Reinstatement of John J. Byrne as laborer in this department at $38.76 per week. Absent for period of six months because of illness. Reinstatement effective April 14, 1948.

Promotion of John J. Haran from position of Bear-Keeper to that of Senior Bear-Keeper, with increase in salary from $41.76 to $44.76 per week. Effective March 31, 1948.

Daniel J. Byrne, Assistant Engineer Grade 4, to Acting Chief Engineer (temporary transfer) with salary increase from $3500 to $4000 per year, effective March 22, 1948.

Salary adjustments as follows:

Group 1. Step-rate of $100 per year beginning January 1, 1948 to a maximum of $3100 per year, and an increase of $100 beginning May 5, 1948:

Katherine M. Fitzgerald - Bookkeeper and stenographer, present salary, $2500 per year.

Catherine M. Hughes - Bookkeeper and stenographer, present salary, $2300 per year.

Margaret T. Carley - Stenographer)
Eva L. Connor - ") Present salary, $2300 year.
Helen M. Sheehan - ")
Mary E. Hagerty - ")

Group 2.

Joseph P. Brooks - Clerk and Stenographer (Cemetery Division). Present salary, $2800 per year. Increase of $100 per year beginning January 1, 1948 to a maximum of $3100 per year.

William J. Glennon - Supervisor of Projects and Statistics. Present salary, $47.68 per week. Increase of $104.75 to $2600 per year effective January 1, 1948 and annual increase of $100 thereafter to a maximum of $2800 per year.

Dennis H. O'Leary - Assistant Supervisor of Records. Present salary, $2400 per year. Increase of $100 beginning January 1, 1948 and annual increase thereafter to a maximum of $2800 per year.

Group 3.

Patrick J. Burke - Collector. Present salary, $43.68 per week. Increase to $2500 per year effective March 22, 1948, and a step-rate of $100 per year thereafter to a maximum of $3000 per year.

A. Louise Kennedy) - Assistant Supervisors of Recreation. Present
Kay Reid) salaries, $32.68 per week. Increase to $1900 per year, effective March 22, 1948.

Sliding Scale Step-rate Salary Increases

		From To		Effective
Daniel J. Byrne	- Asst. Engineer, Gr. 4,	$3500-3600	yr.	4.28.48
Edward M. Dillon	- " " " 3,	3000-3100	"	7.12.48
George M. O'Neil	- " " " 3,	3000-3100	"	7.12.48
John A. Hannon	- Custodian	2300-2400	"	1.3.48
Alfred T. Repucci	- "	2300-2400	"	1.1.48
Basil S. Quirk	- "	2200-2300	"	9.12.48
William J. O'Brien	- Director of Aquarium,	2900-3000	"	1.1.48

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Sliding Scale Step-rate Salary Increases (Cont.)

		From	To		Effective
John J. Lydon	First-class Fireman	$45.68	49.18	wk.	1.13.48
James F. Nolan	" " "	45.68	49.18	"	1.13.48
Edward P. Powers	" " "	45.68	49.18	"	12.17.48
James H. Phalen	" " "	45.68	49.18	"	12.17.48
Duncan C. Thomson	Third-class Engr.	45.68	49.18	"	10.29.48
Michael V. Dailey	Foreman,	2900	3000	yr.	1.1.48
Joseph T. Harrington	"	2900	3000	"	1.1.48
Thomas F. Martin	"	2900	3000	"	1.1.48
Philip A. Monahan	"	2900	3000	"	1.1.48
John J. Hammond	"	2700	2800	"	1.1.48
John J. Keane,	Greenkeeper's Assistant (Acting Foreman)	2600	2700	"	1.1.48
Joseph F. Bradley	Foreman	2500	2700	"	5.10.48
Arthur N. Brogren	"	2500	2700	"	5.10.48
William E. Collins	"	2500	2700	"	5.10.48
Arthur A. English	"	2500	2700	"	5.10.48
Charles F. Guiney	"	2500	2700	"	5.10.48
Neil P. Canney	Greenkeeper's Assistant,	2600	2700	"	1.31.48
Thomas Roberto	" "	2600	2700	"	3.28.48
George W. B. Murdock	" "	2500	2600	"	3.8.48
Hugh F. Dunn,	Physical Director,	2500	2600	yr.	10.17.48
Thomas E. Jackson	" "	2500	2600	"	10.17.48
Charles Kellert	" "	2500	2600	"	10.17.48
Edwin P. Koenig	" "	2500	2600	"	10.17.48
Michael Nazarro	" "	2500	2600	"	10.17.48
Ernest Stevens	" "	2500	2600	"	10.17.48
John W. Hardiman	" "	2300	2400	"	1.3.48
Anthony Segadelli	" "	2300	2400	"	3.21.48
Marie Tuohey,	Telephone Operator,	2000	2100	"	11.17.48

VOTED, that John J. Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, be empowered to sign all contracts and leases and such other papers that may come before the Park Department for the proper conduct of the business of the department, for the period from May 1, 1948 to October 31, 1948, and that notice of this vote be sent to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

May 14, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.50 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Fred Ralston & Co. - 3rd estimate - "Trimming of Trees and Removal of Dead Trees on City Streets and on Parks and Playgrounds", contract of March 25, 1948, ...		$ 1,872.72
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies in connection with their employment . .	Park.Division,.	$ 358.34
	Cem. Division,	30.02
Walter Reed Corporation - 1st estimate - "Concrete Liners, Subsoiling and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury" contract of April 5, 1948...		$ 8,531.81
Fred Ralston & Co., - 4th estimate - "Trimming of Trees and Removal of Dead Trees on City Streets and on Parks and Playgrounds", contract of March 25, 1948........		$ 1,821.82

Unfinished business: The matter of the naming of the playground on Snow Hill Street,which was laid on the table at the two previous meetings, was again brought up for consideration. It was voted with the approval of the Mayor to name the playground in honor of Private John DeFilippo, a resident of the North End district who lost his life in the recent war.

VOTED: to approve the following permits for alterations to buildings, referred to this department by the Building Department:

342 Commonwealth Avenue - Addition of fire-escapes. Owner of building, Joseph Barone.

141 Tremont Street - Building of two elevator shafts, pits and penthouses, and one new stairway from basement to roof. Request of Bradlee Real Estate Trust.

162 Tremont Street - Change store to restaurant and make necessary interior changes as per plans filed. Request of Samuel Donalson & Co.,Lt.

533 Commonwealth Avenue - Installing new steel lally columns, steel beams, steel stairs, etc., as per plans filed. Request of Thomas W. Reed Co.

VOTED: to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $36,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$ 36,000.00

VOTED: to award a contract without advertising for bids, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Fred Ralston & Company, 537 Washington Street, Brighton, for the First Spraying of Elm Trees for the year 1948, for a sum not to exceed $5800.00. The work will be paid for on the basis of $12.25 per hr for truck, blower, driver of thetruck and operator of the blower; and the D. D. T. mixture will be furnished at $1.00 per gallon.

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VOTED: To award a contract, without advertising for bids, to the Central Construction Company, 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for a sum not to exceed $15,000, for the repair of bituminous, concrete and sheet asphalt type of road surfaces on which the guaranty has expired, within the park system. The work will be done at the same unit prices in effect under a contract of this company with the Public Works Department. The award of the contract is made subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor.

VOTED: TO request his Honor the Mayor for permission to issue a service order to the Ward General Contracting Company, 157 Hampden Street, Roxbury, for "Grading and Seeding a Section of Franklin Park Playstead" for the purpose of converting it to its former use as a play area. The cost of the work is not to exceed the sum of $1950.00.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, April 27, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Replacing Defective Concrete Blocks in Walks in the Park System", as follows:

M. Rufo Co., 19 LaRose Place, Brighton	$ 3,480.00
Cronin & Horrigan, Inc., 111 Woodhaven St., Mattapan....	4,100.00
J. D'Amico, 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	4,284.00
Charles Todesca, 100 Roslindale Avenue, Roslindale	4,410.00
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	4,415.00
John F. Shea Co.,Inc., 41 Hollingsworth St., Mattapan...	4,596.00
Charles Callahan Co., 21 Corey St., W. Roxbury	4,851.00
Ward General Contracting Co., 157 Hampden St., Roxbury..	4,930.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain..	5,020.00

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor to award the contract to the lowest bidder, M. Rufo Co., 19 LaRose Place, Brighton, for the approximate sum of $3,480.00, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-42, Park Department.

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor to award a contract to Allied Engineering Corporation, 639 Boylston Street, Boston, for preparation of plans and specifications including supervision, for "Repairs to the Bird House at the Franklin Park Zoo". The architect's fee is to be approximately $4000, or 10 per cent of the estimated contract price of $40,000.00. The work is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, May 13, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Reconstructing Roadway Circle and Repairs at Castle Island, South Boston", as follows:

S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 23 Huntington Ave.,Boston..$	35,937.50
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25.........	41,047.50
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park	41,924.00
J. D'Amico, 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	43,690.00
DeStefano Construction Co., 11 Ruskin Street, W. Roxbury.	44,367.00

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for the approximate sum of $35,937.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

VOTED: To approve "Extensions of Time" on the following contracts:

"Architect's Services for Field House on Ross Playground, Hyde Park", Mr. John Guarino, contractor. Time extended to May 15, 1948.

"Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston", Mr. M. Solimando, contractor. Time extended to June 15, 1948.

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The following information relating to several matters recently under discussion was called to the attention of the Board:

(1) Mr. Myer H. Slobodkin, who purchased the land at Commonwealth and Chestnut Hill Avenues, has appealed to the Mayor to be relieved of his promise to pay the balance due on the purchase price of the property ($85,000), and to be refunded the $15,000 which he deposited at the time of the sale. He does not now wish to purchase the land. The matter has been referred to the Law Department.

(2) The matter of a sign to be erected on Hampshire House has been referred to the Corporation Counsel for decision.

(3) At Board meeting of April 13th a contract was awarded to Walter Reed Corporation, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, for constructing a by-pass roadway and parking area in the Riverway, at a cost of $47,286.00. The contract did not receive final approval and no work was started for the reason that the Law Department informed the Mayor that the Leverett Park section of the Riverway was deeded to the City of Boston for park purposes and no part of the land can be taken for the proposed hidden parking lot at the Riverway and Brookline Avenue.

VOTED: that the Board consent (at request of Mr. Richard A. Kelly) to the subletting of the boating privilege under the lease now held by Mr. Kelly for the Public Landing Refreshment and Boating Privilege, South Boston, to Mr. Charles A. Foley, 47 Summer Street, Hyde Park, who wishes to furnish boats for hire to fishing parties, etc.

VOTED: to award contracts to Amedeo P. Nardini, of the Caproni Galleries of Amedeo, for reconditioning and painting in mineral colors the statuary, vases and pedestals in the Franklin Park Rose Garden and in the Fenway Rose Garden, as follows:

Franklin Park Rose Garden - 3 groups of statuary, representing the four seasons, the Founts in the center of the park, and 8 vases almost 4 feet tall . . . . Approx.....	$ 1,150.00
Fenway Rose Garden - 4 tall vases, 2 groups of statuary representing the seasons, 4 garden seats, and 1 Bizantine large well . . . . Approx.	$ 770.00

VOTED: that a third proposal submitted by Mr. Nardini,to make and erect a garden fount in cast stone, be held over to another meeting for further consideration.

VOTED; To approve three signed copies of formal amendment to Instrument of Consent received from the United States Government, dated April 9, 1948, wherein the City of Boston is given the right to use Fort Independence for public park purposes. Said instrument revokes the letter of suspension dated January 29, 1942 whereby the city was denied the right of entry to Fort Independence, and reinstates the Instrument of Consent as amended.

A proposal from the Stadler Enterprises Company was brought to the attention of the Board, said proposal being for the operation of beach chair concessions at beaches and parks whereby patrons would have the use of a chair for any period of time in one day for a fee of 10 cents. It was agreed that the Chairman write to the company requesting that its representative call upon him with further information within a short time.

VOTED: To grant the House Officers of the Boston City Hospital permission to play golf free of charge at the George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, and at Franklin Park Golf Course, from Monday through Friday of each week, provided the golf matches start before 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and on Saturday provided the matches start before 10.00 in the morning.

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VOTED: to increase the price of single grave burial plots in Mount Hope Cemetery, as follows:

Spruce Grove (with perpetual care)

Lots to be increased from a price of $85.00 with liner at $15.00 to $130.00 with liner at $20.00.

Section G (without perpetual care)

Lots to be increased from a price of $25.00 to $50.00, with liner at $20.00.

VOTED: to name the Chestnut Hill Playground in Cleveland Circle, Ward 21, the "Walter F. Cassidy Playground", in honor of a young veteran, Walter F. Cassidy, who was the only individual from that immediate area who suffered the loss of his life in battle during World War II.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

VOTED: to approve the following:-

Appointments:

Foremen (3) appointed at salary of $2500 per year with step-rate of $100 annually to a maximum of $3000 - Francis J. McGrath, Joseph J. McCarthy, and Thomas F. Mullins.

John J. Butler appointed Foreman of Laundry and Bath House, May 19, 1948, at salary of $2500 per year with step-rate of $100 per year to maximum of $3000 per year.

Roy C. Christensen appointed Laundryman at $41.76 per week, effective April 28, 1948.

Appointment of five matrons at $29.68 per week, effective May 19, 1948: Mary B. Powers, Norah B. M. Pallis, Sophie S. Pickard, Genevieve H. Johnson, Elizabeth G. Purcell. All permanent positions.

Appointment of one matron at $29.68 per week, effective May 12, 1948: Mary E. McCarthy. Permanent position.

Appointment of thirty-five laborers to permanent positions required under the 40-hour week, at wages of $38.76 per week, effective May 19, 1948:

Frederick DeFeo, John C. McAuley, Carlo F. Leoncello, Michael J. Wolk, James T. Kelly, Robert J. Locklin, John E. Mahan, George H. Ryan, William F. O'Driscoll, Daniel E. Ryan, Harry J. Mullen, Robert P. Gill, John J. Fitzpatrick, John J. Ashe, Domenic J. Lemmo, Michael F. Prendergast, Leo Giaimo, Thomas H. Smith, Joseph W. Marino, William B. O'Sullivan, Henry M. Doherty, Donald T. Foley, Frederick J. DeCosta, George Procopio, William A. Meaney, Robert I. Clark, Robert C. Chisari, Frederick H. McIver; John J. Pimental, Jr., James V. Shea, George V. Seward, Leo J. Sullivan, Jr., John F. Evans, John J. O'Neill.

Promotions, Change in Ratings, Salary Increases:

Increase in salary from $38.76 to $41.76 per week for the following employees with ratings as tree climbers, for which provision was made in the budget: Francis J. Bohane, Jack Kool, Antonio Lanzillo, Joseph B. McDonald, Robert B. McDonough, Harry L. McGuire, Jr., Louis Miccicho.

Promotion from laborer to tree climber with increase in salary from $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective May 12, 1948: John Doocey, William J. McMackin, Jr., William McSweeney.

Change in rating from laborer to zoo attendant for the following employees, with increase in salary from $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective May 12, 1948: Genaro Nastarri, Edward J. Ryan, Howard M. Sheehy, John J. Sullivan, Cornelius Daley, Edward H. Kilday, Charles G. Norton, Frank Aronne, Charles Becker, George A. Hughes, Charles H. Harlan, Henry Bois, William O'Neil, Michael J. McKenna, Michael J. Morrissey.

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Change in rating with salary increase for the following:

William L. Cotter, Tractorman,to Assistant Greenkeeper (temporary transfer), $41.76 per week to $2300 per year, effective April 28, 1948.

Patrick J. Scully, from Gardening Laborer to Gardener with increase from $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective April 28, 1948.

Patrick M. Connington, Gardening Laborer to Gardener, $41.76 to $44.76 per week. Effective April 28, 1948.

Joseph Klaus, Plumber to Master Plumber, from $44.76 to $47.76 per week, effective April 26, 1948.

Salary Increases for the following:

Lester A. Anderson, Bearkeeper, $38.76 to $41.76 per week.
William L. Buttner, Aquarium Attendant, from $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective May 5, 1948.

Patrick Cogavin, Gardener, $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective April 28, 1948.

Patrick Connor, Gardener, from $38.76 to $41.76 per week, effective April 28, 1948.

Transfers:

Stephen Famolare, Laborer, to Park Department from Public Works Department Sanitary Division, at same wages of $38.76 per week. Effective April 28,1948.

Americo Cacici, from Hospital Department as Elevator Operator to Park Department as Laborer - from $26.68 and meals to $38.76 per week, effective April 22, 1948.

Leaves of Absence:

Anthony Segadelli, Physical Instructor, leave of absence for three months beginning May 12, 1948, without pay. Reason - illness.

John F. O'Brien, Crane Operator (temporary rating), to Transit Department for six months beginning June 1, 1948. This is an extension of a leave of absence which expires May 31.

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Consideration was given to a request of Boston Park Department Local No. 296 for a hearing relative to loss of four boats from the L Street Bath House on March 27, 1948, in which seven employees of the Park Department are involved. The Board agreed to withhold action on the request until a report on certain legal aspects of the matter is received from the Law Department.

The Board considered the request of William J. Green, Cemetery Division employee, for a hearing before the Board on charges preferred against him by Mr. James Walsh, his superior in the Cemetery Division, regarding his conduct while on duty. It was voted that Mr. Greene be granted a hearing before the Board to answer the charges and that the time be set for Friday, May 21, 1948, at 9.30 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was adjourned at

Arthur J. Keefe
Secretary.

May 21, 1948.

A public hearing was granted by the Board to Mr. William J. Greene, at his request, today, at 9.30 o'clock a. m., to permit Mr. Greene to answer charges preferred against him by his superior, Mr. James A. Walsh of the Cemetery Division.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioner Joseph Lee.

Mr. Walsh's charges against Mr. Greene are as follows:

> "William J. Greene returned from lunch on May 12 about 2.30 in the afternoon, although he was due to return at 1 o'clock. He was in an intoxicated condition and when told by Mr. Banks, at the cemetery, that he could not continue to work in that condition, he became very abusive. It was necessary to have a police cruising car take him away from the cemetery to avoid a scene there, with funerals coming in.
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> "Further, for the past year or more, first at Mt. Hope Cemetery and now at Evergreen Cemetery, we have had to contend with this conduct from him. He has also caused unrest among fellow workers".

Mr. Murphy presided and called, in order, James A. Walsh who is in charge of all cemeteries, Edwin Banks, Custodian of Evergreen Cemetery, Maurice Dinneen, Chief Inspector, William Hawkins, Foreman at Mt. Hope Cemetery, all of whom described in detail the conduct of Mr. Greene which resulted in his suspension from duty as of the close of business of May 12, 1948.

Mr. Greene was then heard and the case was taken under advisement.

A full transcript of the hearing was recorded by John J. Foley of the Cemetery Division and is on file in the Cemetery Division office at 33 Beacon Street, Boston.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary.

June 24, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of minutes of the last meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Central Construction Co., - 2nd pmt. - Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement on any Park Roadway upon which there is no maintenance guaranty	$ 6,081.81
John Guarino - 3rd & final pmt. - Architect's Services for Construction of a Field House on the Ross Playground, Hyde Park	750.00
Fred Ralston & Company - 1st estimate - First Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets, contract of May 13, 1948, ...	5,504.77
Walter Reed Corporation - Second & final payment - Temporary Repairs on Park Department Roadways	733.40
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies in connection with their employment . . . . Park Division...	361.95
Cem. Division ..	82.27

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Russell Grant - Expenses of two men to Catskill, New York, and return, for purpose of bringing a Nilgai for display at Franklin Park Zoo, June 4-5-6, 1948 ....$	34.97
Central Construction Co. - 1st payment - Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no maintenance quaranty	12,750.00
M. Rufo Co., - 1st payment - Replacing Defective Concrete Blocks in Walks in the Park System	3,172.85

A notice received from the office of the City Clerk was read to the Board that Mr. Theodore C. Haffenreffer has been duly appointed to be Park Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1951 and has been sworn as such officer.

The following building permits were referred to this department for approval, by the Building Department:

Approved:

43 Commonwealth Avenue,	- Convert from private residence to six apartments. Request of Michael Lilly.
58 Beacon Street,	- Change occupancy from seven apartments to ten apartments. Request of Albert S. Bowers.
80 Fenway,	- Change occupancy from twelve to thirteen families. Request of Lilly L. Benson.
80 Fenway,	- Amendment to application above, request for change in one apartment on fifth floor into two apartments.
460 Park Drive,	- Convert one-family house into two family house, erect fire-escape steps. Request of Emilia I. Giardini.
141 Tremont Street,	- Amendment dated June 1. Changes in replacement column first to second floor, also in the existing concrete footing below basement floor. Request of Bradlee Real Estate Trust.
800 Commonwealth Ave.,	- Request of Shell Oil Co. to construct a new entrance and exit to filling station.

No Action Taken

1161 Boylston Street,	- Request of Lawrence K. Palder to erect a type I five-bay lubritorium filling station on concrete foundation walls.

(This request referred to Law Department for ruling on legality
(of granting a permit for establishment of a business at this
(location under existing zoning laws and other restrictions. The
(Board then voted 2 to 1, Mr. Lee dissenting, that the matter be
(referred back to the Building Department for further study of
(zoning laws. Mr. Lee in the minority observed that our zoning laws
(approved by the Mayor in 1925 do not allow commercial activity on
(the Parkway).

2 Commonwealth Avenue,	- A copy of letter addressed to the Corporation Counsel was read to the Board, regarding plans to erect a building at No. 2 Commonwealth Avenue at the corner of Arlington Street which will be of the "I" type, 155 feet in height, intended as a multiple type apartment house. The question to be determined is whether City Ordinances and Park Restrictions permit a building of this height and for this purpose to be erected on Commonwealth Avenue.

(It was agreed that the matter be referred back to the Building
(Department for further study of zoning and building laws)

CONTRACTS

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, June 8, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Erecting Wire Fence on Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams Street, Dorchester	$1277.50
Anchor Post Products, Inc., 70 Needham Street, Newton	1355.50
P. J. Dinn Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston	1431.50

It was voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, the Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams Street, Dorchester, for the approximate sum of $1277.50, saem to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, 0n Tuesday, June 8, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Grading and Sanding Beaches", as follows:

Highland Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., 266 Baker St., W. Roxbury	$5300.00
Charles Callahan Co., 21 Corey Street, W. Roxbury	6197.00
M. McGinnis Co., 34 Brookley Road, Jamaica Plain	6200.00
Rev-Lyn Contracting Co., 9 Hudson Street, Lynn	8415.00

It was voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Highland Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., 266 Baker Street, West Roxbury, for the approximate sum of $5300.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

VOTED, to retain the services of the C. J. Maney Company, 24 Dane Street, Somerville, to grade and re-seed the portion of the athletic field on the Chestnut Hill Playground, Brighton, that was badly damaged by heavy trucking over it during the winter time for the purpose of dumping snow (with permission of this department). The cost of this work is not to exceed $1600 and is to be charged to the Snow Removal Appropriation.

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 18, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Setting Playground Equipment on Concrete Foundations in Various Park Department Playgrounds in Boston, Mass.", as follows:

Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain	$22,817.00
Charles Callahan Co., 21 Corey Street, W. Roxbury	24,268.00
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25, Mass.	24,300.00
J. F. Stack & Co., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	25,732.00
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	28,050.00
Cronin & Horigan Inc., 111 Woodhaven Street, Mattapan	28,730.00
Donato Antonellis, 15 Sparhawk Street, Brighton	28,973.30

VOTED: to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $22,817.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 18, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Reconstructing Wall, Riprap, and Repairs at Marine Park Pier, South Boston, Mass.". as follows:

Coleman Bros. Corp., 40 Central Street, Boston	$ 12,536.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain	12,739.00
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25	14,801.00
Rev.-Lyn Contracting Co., 9 Hudson Street, Lynn	15,446.00
Bradford-Saunders Corp., 470 Meridian St., E. Boston	18,350.00
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	18,705.00
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park	19,285.00

VOTED; with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Coleman Bros. Corp., 40 Central Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $12,536.00, saem to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-39, Park Department.

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VOTED: with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids to Fred Ralston & Company of 357 Washington Street, Brighton, for the "Second Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets", for a sum not to exceed $3200, to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, B-42 Park Department.

VOTED: to approve an extension of time on contract of R. W. Balam, to July 1, 1948, for Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery.

VOTED; to approve an extension of time for completion of contract of F. C. Dolan & Sons, to July 15, 1948, for "Reconstructing Concrete Walls and Slopes at American Legion Playground".

CONCESSION PERMITS

VOTED: to grant the following permits:

Louis John Ricci, 19 Boardman Street, East Boston, permit to furnish and sell refreshments and candies, nuts, ice cream, cigars and tobacco, souvenirs and novelties at World War Memorial Park in East Boston, for a term of one year from June 15, 1948 to June 14, 1949, for the sum of $50.00, to be paid on or before July 15, 1948.

Edward E. Adams, of the Mills Automatic Merchandising Corporation, 130 Broad Street, Boston, for the operation of weighing machines in some of of the buildings of the Park Department, for a period of one year from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1948, for the sum of $350.00. (This is a renewal permit).

Hub Concessionaires, Inc. (Doris DeLuca, Treas), 282 North Street, Boston, to sell ice cream on Boston Common east of the easterly line of the ball field from Boylston Street to Beacon Street; also on Franklin Field and Cassidy Playground, for the period June 15, 1948 to April 30, 1949 inclusive, for a fee of $500.00.

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Consideration was given to a request of Mr. Thomas Matarazzo, Jr. for the privilege of renting portable radios to the public at the various beaches under the control of the Park Department. It was voted that the Chairman obtain further information on the matter before any action is taken.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Appointments - Permanent

Gail M. Barry - Clerk and Stenographer at $1500 per year, effective June 14.
Michael J. Hearn, - Laundryman at $41.76 per week, effective June 9, 1948.
McCarthy, Daniel J., as Custodian at $2000 per year, effective June 9, 1948.

Change in rating to Gardener with increase in wages from $38.76 to $44.76 per week, for the following:

Thomas J. Foley and William Bonner, laborers; Martin J. Joyce and John J. Connolly, gardening-laborer-scytheman; and Patrick J. Loughnane, golf course worker. Effective May 28, 1948.

Promotion or Adjustment in Compensation:

Thomas J. O'Connell, Gardening-Laborer to Gardener, $38.76 to $41.76 per week. Effective June 16, 1948.

George F. Keough, Gardening-Laborer to Gardener, $41.76 to $44.76 per week, effective June 9, 1948.

Change in Rating with Salary Increase:

Adam B. DiOrio, Laborer to Sign Painter-Letterer, from $38.76 to $44.76 per week, effective June 16, 1948.

Francis T. Keane, Laundry Washer to Working Foreman, $41.76 per week to $2400 per year, effective June 16, 1948.

Step-rate Increases:

Arthur J. Connerny, Grade II Engineer, temporarily employed in this

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department for the past three years at $2200 per year. Request for Step-rate increase of $100 effective May 14, 1948 to $2300 per year and, if he continues to be employed here, an annual increase of $100 to the maximum of $2500 per year, which is the salary paid to some other temporary employees in the engineering force.

Leave of Absence:

William J. McMackin, Laborer at $38.76 per week, - Six months' leave because of ill health, effective June 2, 1948.

Transfer:

Joseph P. Bragg, from Public Works Department Street Cleaning Division (as teamster-laborer) to Park Department as Laborer at same wages, $38.76 per week.

Reinstatement:

Anthony Segadelli, Physical Instructor, returned to duties in Recreation Division on June 9, 1948, after leave of absence because of illness.

Personnel Recently Added:

55 Temporary Laborers for six months.
140 Temporary Recreation Leaders from June 23 to August 31. Thirty-three men have been working since June 2.
235 (approx.) Matrons, Laborers, Life Guards for beaches, June 15 to September 15.

Salary Increases: for all employees receiving $3500 or less, effective July 1, 1948, by authority of Mayor and City Council.

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The Board received and read with interest a communication from Mr. Joseph Lee, Park Commissioner, a letter containing Mr. Lee's statement of delivery to the Boston Park Department to have and to hold and to use in the operation of a recreational sailing project open to public participation on the Charles River Basin for a period to end December 31, 1948, of a fleet of sailboats with appurtenant equipment, 13 in number, all as described in said communication. The use of these boats is given in consideration of contstruction and repair work done on materials and boats owned and supplied by Mr. Lee, President of the Community Boat Club, in the course of a recreational boat-building and boat-repairing project for youngsters under the direction of an instructor furnished by the Park Department of the City of Boston. VOTED: to accept the boats for use in the department's recreation program, under the terms and conditions as set forth in Mr. Lee's communication.

VOTED: That the Board concur in deed from the Commonwealth through the Metropolitan District Commission to Richard F. Gleason and Mary J. Gleason of 6693 square feet of land in the West Roxbury District of Boston, as required by Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws which relate to the sale of park lands.

VOTED: To approve an exchange of several parcels of land situated in the rear of Mapes Street, Dorchester, owned by the City of Boston and Edith Garmon, whereby the City of Boston through the Board of Park Commissioners transfers to Edith Garmon two parcels of land containing a total of 11,236 square feet, and Edith Garmon transfers to the City of Boston a parcel of land containing 12,772 square feet.

VOTED: To grant the use of Parkman Bandstand with public address system to the following two applicants, on Sunday, July 11, 1948, for a period of time not to exceed two hours under each permit:

(1) To Socialist Labor Party for an address by the presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor Party.

(2) To Jehova's Witnesses for Bible talk.

VOTED: To refuse a permit to Mr. Jack Lee, Youth Director of the Progressive Pary of Massachusetts for use of Franklin Field for a public open-air dance on Thursday, June 24, 1948.

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It was voted to approve an addition to contract of Martin J. Kelly Co., of 95 Prince Street, Jamaica Plain, for "Setting Playground Equipment on Concrete Foundations in Various Park Department Playgrounds in Boston, Massachusetts", signed June 3, 1948, as follows:

40 Jungle Gyms at $11.50 each	$ 460.00
66 Slides at $3.75 each	247.50
60 See Saws at $2.25 each	135.00
Total Addition	$ 842.50
Contract price as standing	22,817.00
Total contract price after approval of addition....	$ 23,659.50

The meeting was adjourned at 1.50 p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

August 18, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.40 a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

R. W. Balam - Second payment - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Mass."	$ 2,217.27
M. Solimando - Second payment - "Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston, Mass."	8,354.86
Allied Engineering Corporation - Third payment - "Architectual Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Repairs to the Lion House at the Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts"	450.17
Allied Engineering Corporation - First payment - "Repairs to the Bird House at the Franklin Park Zoo"	800.00
Fred Ralston & Co. - Fifth and final - "Trimming of Trees and Removal of Dead Trees on City Streets and on Parks and Playgrounds"	349.93
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment,	434.43
Highland Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. - First payment - ""Grading and Sanding Beaches, South Boston, Massachusetts"	5,436.63
S. J. Tomasello Corporation - First payment - "Reconstructing Roadway Circle and Repairs at Castle Island, South Boston, Massachusetts"	18,415.28
Fred Ralston & Company - Second and final payment - "The First Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets"	869.18
Fred Ralston & Company - First payment - "Second Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets"	2,719.40
John Rugo - Sixth and final payment - "Alterations and Repairs to Columbus Park Field House opposite Preble Street, South Boston"	3,168.60
F. C. Dolan & Sons - First estimate - "Reconstructing Concrete Walls and Slopes at the American Legion Playground, E. Boston, Massachusetts"	13,450.86
Boston Chain Link Fence Co. - First estimate - "Erecting Wire Fence on Boston Common, Boston, Mass"	1,051.14

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Special Drafts Approved: (Cont.)

William J. Banfield - First payment - "Cleaning of City of Boston Beaches"	$ 1,570.80
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment . . . . .Park Div . .	343.38
Cem. Div. .	30.56
City of Woburn - Amount due for water rates on Mary P. C. Cummings Estate property over a term of years	422.73
William J. Banfield - Second estimate - "Cleaning City of Boston Beaches"	1,570.80
M. Solimando - Third and final payment - "Alterations and Additions to the Lion House, Franklin Park, Boston"....	2,486.02
Allied Engineering Corp. - Fourth and final payment - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Repairs to the Lion House at the Franklin Park Zoo..	99.45
M. Rufo Co. - Second and final payment - "Replacing Defective Concrete Blocks in Walks in the Park System"	559.91
Central Construction Co. - Second and final payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no maintenance guaranty".....	2,250.00

VOTED: To approve the following building permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

251 Commonwealth Avenue	- Installing hot air duct.
314-316 " "	- Interior and exterior renovating.
352 " "	- Interior alterations.
391 " "	- Change occupancy, and necessary interior alterations.
1154 Boylston Street	- New 4th floor, also fire-escape.
400 Fenway	- Change use of equipment room to one-car garage.
178-179 Tremont Street	- Erect new marquee.
799 Columbia Road	- Change occupancy, and necessary interior alterations.

CONTRACTS:

VOTED: To approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to William J. Banfield of 50 Terminal Street, Charlestown, for the cleaning of the City of Boston beaches during the summer season from June 21, 1948 to September 10, 1948 inclusive.

The rates of pay are based on the schedules set up by the Public Works Department of the City of Boston for this type of work and are on file with the City Auditor as of February 13, 1948. The cost of the work for the season is based on a five-day week with labor and material at following rates:

4 laborers 8 hours each at $2.10 per hour, per day
1 foreman 5 hours at $2.50 per hour, per day
1 truck 8 hours at $4.50 per hour, per day.

The total cost for the season is not to exceed $7400 and is to be charged to B-42, Park Department budget.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Tuesday, June 22, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Repairs to Dome House and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, West Roxbury", as follows:

Dorchester Plate & Window Glass Co., 270 Adams Street, Dorchester	$ 7,274.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain	19,010.00

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lower of the two bidders, Dorchester Plate & Window Glass Co., 270 Adams Street, Dorchester, for the approximate sum of $7,274.00, same to be charged to the regular Park Department budget item, B-39.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on June 29, 1948, for "Furnishing and Erecting a New Steel Smoke Stack at Greenhouse, Franklin Park, West Roxbury", as follows:

Daniel Russell Boiler Works, Inc., 83-105 Boston Street, Boston, ...	$1,365.00
Harding Welding Company, Inc., 232 Willard Street, Quincy	1,934.00

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lower of the two bidders, the Daniel Russell Boiler Works, Inc., 83-105 Boston Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for the sum of $1,365.00, same to be charged to the regular Park Department budget item, B-39.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, July 8, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Grading and Filling on Playground, Washington Street and Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, Massachusetts", as follows:

William J. Driscoll Construction Co., 2021 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester	$ 6,280.00
J. F. White Contracting Co., 11 Pemberton Sq., Boston..	8,080.00
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	9,160.00
David M. Biggs & Co., 608 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester...	9,400.00
M. McGinnis Co., 34 Brookley Road, Boston	9,760.00
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston St., Boston . ..	11,200.00
James A. Susi, 105-107 Providence Street, Hyde Park . .	11,440.00
Marinucci Bros. & Co.,Inc., 51 Ceylon Street, Dor......	11,680.00
Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston..	13,240.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston....	14,560.00
Charles Callahan Co., 21 Corey Street, W. Roxbury	15,280.00
Parkway Construction Co., 3 Ellis Street, Woburn	15,280.00
William B. Baxton, 359 Bedford Street, Lexington	16,000.00
A. Singarella & Son, 22A Tremlett St., Dorchester	17,200.00

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, William J. Driscoll Construction Co., 2021 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, for the approximate sum of $6,280.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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VOTED: To approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to the American Laundry Machinery Company for one six-chest mangle for the Dover Street Laundry, for the sum of $8965.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue". The contract was awarded without advertising for the reason that this equipment is an emergency requirement and the American Laundry Machinery Company is the only company that could make delivery without delay.

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VOTED: To approve the award of a service order to the Ward General Contracting Co., 157 Hampden Street, Roxbury, for improvements in Orchard Park, Roxbury, by excavating trench and laying water pipe and installing new spraying pipes in the pool, and restoring the drainage system, all for a sum not to exceed $1970.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue". The work is of an emergency nature as the pool in Orchard Park does not contain the proper type of spraying equipment necessary to provide enjoyment for children during the summer months.

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VOTED: To approve the issuance of a service order to F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, for making repairs to the wooden piers at North End Beach, for a sum not to exceed $1300, to be charged to the budget item B-39. The work is of an emergency nature as the pier is in constant use by a great many people and repairs are required for their safety.

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VOTED: To approve the award of a service order to J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Boston 25, for "Constructing Drainage Pipes and a Tide Water Control Gate Chamber at the William H. Garvey Playground, Roxbury", for a sum not to exceed $2500, to be charged to the special appropriation, Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue. The work is of an emergency nature and is necessary in order to control the tide waters that overflow the playground at high tide, especially during heavy rain storms.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, July 27, 1948, at 2 o'ckock p. m., for "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Jamaicaway, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jam. Plain......	$ 8,787.50
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Ave., Boston	8,865.00
Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston	9,065.00
National Contractors Co., Inc., 116 Broadway, Boston	9,425.00
John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	10,550.00

VOTED: Subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $8,787.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, August 3, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Reconstructing Roof of Storage Shed at Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	$ 3,994.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain . .	4,135.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain	4,300.00
John P. Cavanagh, 25 Medway Street, Dorchester	4,770.00

VOTED: With the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $3,994.00, same to be charged to budget item B-39.

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VOTED: With the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the American Laundry Machinery Company, 27 Trinity Place, Boston, for furnishing and installing Two Zone Air Drying Tumblers for the Dover Street Laundry, for the sum of $1600 and the turn-in of the old Tumbler. This concern is a recognized leader in the field of laundry equipment and as the price is a very fair one, the Board believes nothing could be gained by advertising for bids.

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VOTED: With the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award two separate service orders to the New England Tree Experts, 316 North Harvard Street, Allston, for the removal of trees in Dorchester for the sum of $625.00, and the removal of trees in the Back Bay for the sum of $825.00. This concern was the lowest of five bidders on each job and as its bid on each job was under $1000, two service orders were issued. The total of the two orders, $1450, is to be charged to the regular budget item, B-42 Park Department.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, July 8, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Constructing a Golf House at Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Conrad & Faletra, 21 Pheasant St., West Roxbury	$17,948.53
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	18,795.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jam. Plain ..	19,684.00
M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	19,800.00
DeStefano Constr. Co., 11 Ruskin St., W. Roxbury	22,608.00

VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the second lowest bidder, Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $18,795.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Golf Building, Franklin Park".

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Approved:

S. J. Tomasello Corp., - Addition to contract for "Reconstructing Roadway Circle and Repairs at Castle Island, South Boston, Mass.", contract approved May 25, 1948, - as follows:

Additions as per order approved Aug. 12, 1948.....	$ 5,302.50	(Est.)
Contract Price as originally approved	35,937.50	"
Contract as standing	$41,240.00	"

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LAND TRANSFERS, ETC.

The matter of requesting the Corporation Counsel to prepare suitable legislation for the transfer of the so-called Myrtle Street Playground from the School Department to the Park Department was brought up for discussion, and it was VOTED, that the matter be laid on the table.

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The Board considered the matter of requesting the Corporation Counsel to draw up necessary papers to effect the transfer of land designated as Lots 43A and 64 Lakeshore Road, Brighton, from the care and control of the Committee on Foreclosed Real Estate of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care and control of the Board of Park Commissioners. The land contains a total area of 114,862 square feet. The Board discussed the advisability of taking it for park purposes. It was then VOTED: that the matter be held over until the next meeting.

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VOTED: That the Honorable James M. Curley be requested to recommend the adoption by the City Council of an order whereby the sum of $25,700 be appropriated from the special account, Sales of City Property, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the purchase of approximately 64,400 square feet of land situated on the southerly side of Faneuil Street, being the northeast portion of the land owned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority and now being used by the Park Department as the site of a public playground.

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For the information of the Board a communication was read, from the Chairman of the Board to the Honorable James M. Curley, concerning curtailment of recreational facilities in Charlestown due to the construction of the new Mystic River Bridge from Charlestown to Chelsea. The Chairman called to the attention of the Mayor that by legislative act the Mystic River Authority is authorized to take land along the right-of-way and to compensate private owners for it. All public lands, however, including parts of three playgrounds, can be taken without payment of land damages or without making provision for other playgrounds to compensate. The Chairman recommended to the Mayor that consideration be given to providing recreational facilities in Charlestown to replace those eliminated by the construction of the bridge.

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It was called to the attention of the Board that a permit had been received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan District Commission granting to the City of Boston Park Department the use of a float and wharf in the Charles River Basin, opposite the end of Pinckney Street in said Boston, for conducting recreational sailing activities.

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The attention of the Board was called to Legislative Act, Chapter 468, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which provides for the transfer of the care, control and maintenance of a portion of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway in Boston to the Metropolitan District Commission.

Said Act provides that on and after July 1, 1948, the care, control and maintenance of the highway in the West Roxbury district of Boston known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway shall be under the Metropolitan District Commission, from its intersection with Centre Street to its intersection with West Roxbury Parkway.

In connection with this matter, a letter from Chairman John J. Murphy to His Honor the Mayor was read to the Board, said letter recommending that the city retain control of that portion of the land not required for roadways, sidewalks, etc., for city recreational purposes.

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LICENSES, PERMITS, ETC.

It was voted to approve the granting of a license to Daniel E. Hurley, 61 Magazine Street, Roxbury, for the sale of ice cream, soft drinks, candy, etc., at Columbus Park and on roads, sidewalks and beach from Kosciusko Circle to the L Street Bath House, for a term of one year from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, for the sum of $200.00.

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It was voted to approve the granting of a license to the Jolly Ice Cream Company, 7 Knapp Street, Boston, for the sale of ice cream, soft drinks, candy, etc., at Columbus Park Stadium, Christopher Gibson Playground, Fallon Field, William Garvey Playground, and at L Street Baths (on the lawn in front), for a term of one year from July 1, 1948, for the sum of $355.00.

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It was voted to approve the granting of a license to the Copley Motor Tours, Inc., of 10 Gainsborough Street, Boston, to donduct a bus on sight-seeing trips during the months of August and September 1948 on a tour over parkways as follows: Commonwealth Avenue, Fenway, Jamaicaway, Arborway, Franklin Park, and from Farragut Statue along the Strandway and Columbia Road to Massachusetts Avenue, the tours to be operated only between the hours of 8 A. M. and 10 A. M., and 4 P. M. and 6 P. M.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

VOTED: To approve the following step-rate increases, changes in ratings, etc., for employees in this department:

Annual Step-rate Increases: Edward M. Dillon, George M. O'Neil, from $3300 to $3400 per year; Basil S. Quirk, $2500 to $2600 Yr.; Edward P. Powers, James H. Phalen, Duncan C. Thomson, $51.42 to $54.92 per week; Hugh F. Dunn, Thomas E. Jackson, Charles Kellert, Edwin P. Koenig, Michael Nazarro, Ernest Stevens, from $2800 to $2900 per year; Marie Tuohey, $2300 to $2400 per year; Albert J. MacDonald, Robert D. Keefe, $51.42 to $54.92 per week.

Changes in Ratings:

Thomas Sullivan and Frank J. Brennan, from gardening laborer to gardener. No change in compensation.

James D. Carroll, James A. Dekas, John F. Hurley, Martin J. Mannion, Gianco Manganello,- Change in rating and promotion to Gardener with increase in salary from $44.50 to $47.50.

Daniel A. Cocuzzo, Clifford S. Deardorff, John F. Dillon, Thomas H. Donnelly, William Dunne, Salvatore H. Ippolito, Thomas J. Kelley, Arthur Kennedy, Joseph A. McCaffrey, John H. Murray, - Change in rating to Chauffeur with increase from $44.50 to $47.50 per week.

Frederick K. Folan, John F. Newton, - Change in rating to Chauffeur with no change in compensation. (Both now receiving $47.50 per week).

Peter J. McGuire - Change in rating from Scytheman to Gardener with increase from $44.50 to $47.50 per week.

Philip F. Fallo, - Change in rating from Tree Climber to Chauffeur with increase from $38.76 to $41.76 per week.

William H. Cronan, James J. O'Brien, Frederick D. Byrnes, George T. Connell, Frank H. Caswell, - Temporary transfer with change in rating from Physical Instructor to District Recreational Supervisor with increase in salary from $3000 to $3100 per year.

Mrs. Bertha Hoey and Bridget G. May transferred from Hospital Department to Park Department as a matron at $35.42 per week.

Retirements:

George H. Sullivan - Application for Veteran's Retirement under G.L., Ch. 32, Sec. 56.

Patrick Mullen and Joseph A. Patterson, - Retired on June 30, 1948 by Boston Retirement Board.

Julia A. Callahan, - Retired June 30, 1948. Requests return of accumulated retirement deductions.

Nora Manning - Retired July 31, 1948. Requests return of accumulated retirement deductions.

James J. Connelly, John J. Connelly, Edward A. Cummings, and Annie Slattery and Thomas Terry, retired by Boston Retirement Board as of Aug. 31, 1948.

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The Board gave consideration to the naming of the park located on Everett Street, Dorchester, and it was VOTED that this park be named Joseph M. Byrne Playground, in honor of Sergeant Joseph M. Byrne, formerly of 18 Everett Street, Dorchester, who lost his life in action in World War II.

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VOTED: To approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $36,000 which is available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of $36,000.00

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VOTED: That in the absence of the Secretary and Chief Clerk, Arthur J. O'Keefe, on annual vacation for 1948, Miss Catherine M. Hughes be appointed acting secretary and chief clerk of the department.

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The Board considered the request of Mr. John Druker, Treasurer of Hotel Braemore Corp., for permission to install a fuel oil storage tank of approximately 10,000 gallon capacity under the sidewalk directly adjoining the Hotel Braemore on Charlesgate West. It was VOTED that the matter be referred to the Law Department for a dicision on the legality of permitting installation of private property under a public sidewalk.

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The Board considered the transfer of the control of the following-named bridges from the Park Department to the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as provided under provisions of Chapter 482 of the Acts of 1948. Said transfer must be made prior to January 1, 1949.

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge (vicinity of Cottage Farm Bridge)
Park Drive Bridge (between Beacon Street and Brookline Avenue)
Brookline Village Overpass (Carrying Jamaicaway over Huntington Ave.)
Longwood Avenue Bridge (Carrying Longwood Avenue over Muddy River)
Commonwealth Avenue Bridges (two) from Charlesgate East toward Charlesgate West.

VOTED: That the control of these bridges be transferred to the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that said Public Works Department be requested to effect this transfer as provided under the provisions of the above-mentioned chapter and act.

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The Board accepted a proposal from C. J. Maney to do certain grading work at Franklin Park Playstead at no cost to the department, provided no ledge is encountered. The graded area will be used as the site of a ball field. In return for this work, Mr. Maney will use the excavated material for filling at the site of the proposed stadium,for which he has a contract.

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Other matters called to the attention of the Board were the survey being made of this department by direction of the Finance Commission, and the Park Executives' Convention to be held in Boston in October.

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Voted: To approve an amendment to the license, approved May 24, 1948 for a term of five years ending April 30, 1953, which was granted to James P. Hoar of 1662 Columbia Road, South Boston, for the refreshment privilege on Castle Island by striking out Paragraph 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the rents, covenants and conditions on the part of the Licensee to be paid,

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performed, and observed, the Licensor does hereby license unto the Licensee the right to use certain areas on Castle Island designated and approved by the Licensor for the purpose of placing thereon and for the operation and maintenance of two refreshment booths (hereinafter called the Licensed Premises). The refreshment booths are the property of the Licensee and shall be removed from Castle Island at the sole expense of the Licensee upon the expiration or other termination of the License Agreement.

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The meeting adjourned at 1.30 p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

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October 25, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11.25 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of records of the previous meeting.

Voted: To approve payment of the following special drafts:

Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - 1st payment - "Setting Playground Equipment on Concrete Foundation in Various Park Department Playgrounds in Boston, Massachusetts"	$ 20,215.12
Daniel Russell Boiler Works, Inc. - 1st payment - "Furnishing and Erecting a New Steel Smoke Stack at the Greenhouse, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"	1,160.25
S. J. Tomasello Corporation - Second payment - "Reconstructing Roadway Circle and Repairs at Castle Island, South Boston, Mass."	17,179.28
William J. Driscoll Construction Co. - 1st payment - "Grading and Filling on Playground, Washington Street and Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, Mass."	6,221.61
William J. Banfield - Third payment - "Furnishing Trucks for Cleaning the City of Boston Beaches"	1,570.80
Highland Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. - Second and final pmt. - "Grading and Sanding Beaches, Boston, Mass."	959.40
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for expenses in connection with their employment, - dated 9.13.48, ... Park Div. ...	342.26
Cem. Div. ...	88.21
The American Laundry Machinery Co. - First payment - "Furnish and Install One American Flat Work Ironer at the Dover Street Laundry, Boston, Mass."	7,620.25
F. C. Dolan & Sons - Second & final pmt.- "Reconstructing Concrete Walls and Slopes at the American Legion Playground, East Boston"	2,462.71
Fred Ralston & Co. - Second & final pmt. - "Second Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets"	479.90
Boston Chain Link Fence Co. - Second & final pmt. - "Erecting Wire Fence on Boston Common, Boston, Mass."	185.49
William J. Banfield - Fourth pmt. - "Cleaning the City of Boston Beaches"	1,570.80

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Coleman Bros. Corp. - "Reconstructing Wall, Riprap and Repairs at Marine Park Pier, South Boston, Massachusetts	$ 9,690.25
Baker & Co., Inc. - 1st pmt. - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Jamaicaway, Boston, Massachusetts	7,779.46
William J. O'Brien, Director of Aquarium - "Expenses of director and assistants of the Aquarium on a trip to and from Woods Hole, Massachusetts, for purpose of collecting exhibition fish for the South Boston A quarium	195.14
Allied Engineering Corporation - Second Pmt.- "Repairs to Bird House at the Franklin Park Zoo"	2,625.38
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - Second pmt. - "Setting Playground Equipment on Concrete Foundations in Various Park Department Playgrounds in Boston, Massachusetts"	3,567.38
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for expenses in connection with their employment, 10.8.48, Park Div.	424.56
" Cem. Div.	34.35
Walter Reed Corporation - Second and final pmt. - "Concrete Liners, Subsoiling and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury"	1,636.02
William J. Driscoll Constr. Co. - "Second and final est.- "Grading and Filling on Playground, Washington Street and Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, Mass."	1,097.93
Dorchester Plate & Window Glass Co. - First est. - "Repairs to Dome House and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, W. Roxbury"	6,149.23

The request of Mr. John Druker, Treasurer of Hotel Braemore, for permission to install a fuel oil storage tank of approximately 10,000 gallon capacity under the sidewalk directly adjoining the Hotel Braemore on Charlesgate West, which was held over without action from the previous meeting, was denied by the Board for the reason that the Law Department of the city informed the Board that it had no authority to grant such a permit.

VOTED: To abate the following moth assessments (on advice of the Law Department) which are uncollectible:

Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society, River St., Hyde Park, year 1922,	$ 1.28
William J. O'Brien, 12 Tuttle St., Dorchester, Year 1944......	1.00
Harlow H. Roberts, year 1912,	.68
Benjamin H. Greenwood, Hyde Park Avenue, Ward 18, year 1916,....	.84
Marie LeB. Baker, Robinwood Avenue, Ward 19, year 1913	.50
Alice G. McDermott, Lot, 4 Beech St., Ward 18, years 1915-1921..	2.83
Samuel Richards, Antwerp Street, Ward 22, years 1912-1918.......	2.90
Julia M. Houlihan, Adams St., Ward 16, year 1921	.50
Mary J. Sheldeon, 50 Massasoit St., Hyde Park, year 1922	.85
Harriet L. Jewitt, Dent St., Ward 20, year 1922	.50

VOTED: To approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $20,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$20,000.00

VOTED: To approve permits for building alterations, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department, as follows:

171 and 174 Commonwealth Avenue - Installing balcony from 172 to 174 Commonwealth Avenue. Change occupancy at 174 from one family to ten apartments.

348 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one to three families.
384 " " - Change occupancy from 18 to 21 apartments.
468 " " - Change occupancy from 4 to 6 apartments.
447 Park Drive - Change occupancy from 8 to 16 apartments.

146 Boylston Street - Alter store front and interior changes.
162 Tremont Street, - New bulkhead wall and plate glass window.
4A Park Street, Boston, - Enlarging chapel of Missionary Society of St. Paul.

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CONTRACTS

Advertised proposals were opened at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Wednesday, August 17, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Asphalt Tennis Court Surfacing at Almont Street Playground, Dorchester, Massachusetts", as follows:

Warren Bros. Roads Co., 38 Memorial Drive, Cambridge......	$ 2,662.00
Adams Asphalt Co., 53 Blanche Street, Cambridge	2,817.50
James D'Amico Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	3,075.00
John McCourt Company, 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	3,237.50

VOTED: To approve award of the contract to the lowest bidder, Warren Brothers Roads Co., 38 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $2662.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvement, etc., Revenue".

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Proposals were advertised for "Repairs to the Roof of the Circular Shelter House in the Riverway, Roxbury, Massachusetts", to be opened on Thursday, August 19, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m.

No bids were received up to the time advertised for opening bids which was 2 o'clock on August 19, but 10 minutes later a bid was submitted by F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, in the amount of $1784.00 which was held to be unacceptable because it was received after the closing time for bids. The bidder complied with every other advertised requirement.

VOTED: That as no legal bids were received, a service order be issued to F. C. Dolan & Sons in the amount of $1784.00 for the work as stated above, to be charged to B-39 Park Department budget.

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VOTED: To approve the award of a service order to the Dorgan Electrical Company, Inc., 1406 Columbia Road, South Boston, for -

Furnishing and Installing all necessary A-C electrical equipment, wiring and fittings to put the Dover Street Laundry building in operation after the shift from D-C to A-C electric current.

Complete wiring to new ironer and tumbler machines, also new wiring and electric outlets and installation of new exhaust fans.

Cost of work, $1789.50, to be charged to B-39 Park Department budget.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, August 26, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain......	$ 50,094.00
Rossano Construction Co.,Inc., 401 Border St., E. B...	62,674.00
M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	63,024.00
Rich Bros. Construction Co., 410 Park Sq. Bldg., Boston.	63,035.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain...	83,144.00
Park Construction Co.,Inc., 40 Court St., Boston	94,600.00

VOTED: to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $50,094.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo".

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VOTED: to approve the award of a service order to James A. Freeney, Inc., 1 West Street, Hyde Park, Massachusetts, for the cleaning of catch basins in Franklin Park, Arborway, Olmstead Park, Jamaicaway, Riverway, and Fenway, for a sum not to exceed $1850, to be charged to B-18 in the Park Department budget.

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VOTED: to approve award of contract to the Boston Edison Company, 39 Boylston Street, Boston, for furnishing and installing underground conduits and cable to supply electric service to the proposed golf house at No. 1 Tee, Franklin Park, 10/2[illegible]/48

Boston. The contract must be awarded without advertising for bids as the work must be done in accordance with Edison standards. The cost will be $3,097.05 and will be charged to Golf Building, Franklin Park.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, October 5, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Proposed Roadway at Chestnut Hill Park, Brighton, Massachusetts", as follows:

S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston...	$ 8,194.00
James A. Susi, 90 Cornell Street, Roslindale	8,467.00
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston St., Boston	8,635.50

VOTED: to approve the award of a contract to the lowest bidder, S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for the approximate sum of $8,194.00, same to be charged to the special revenue appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, October 5, 1948, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Painting at the Elephant House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

H. Piken & Co., 20 Pemberton Square, Boston	$ 1,400.00
Max Cahn, 171 Glenway Street, Dorchester	1,590.00
Kabot Painting Co., 10 Post Office Sq., Boston	1,694.00
R. Tweed & Son, 499 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury	1,777.00
John M. Kennedy, 127 West Brookline St., Boston	1,823.00
John W. Egan, 3 Albin Place, Newton Centre 39, Mass.	1,995.00
Bay State Painting Co., 1358 Dorchester Ave., Boston	2,975.00
Patrick J. Sullivan, 60 Cohasset Street, Roslindale	3,600.00

VOTED: to approval award of contract to the lowest bidder, H. Piken & Co., 20 Pemberton Square, Boston, for the sum of $1400.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo".

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Appointments:

William H. Kelly, 61 St. Gregory Street, Dorchester, appointed custodian at $2300 per year, effective October 20, 1948.

Laborers: Appointed September 22, 1948, at $44.50 per week:

Eugene F. Bassette	63 Avenue A, Columbia Village, Dorchester.
John F. Burns,	10 Dean Street, Dorchester
Edward F. Callahan,	92 Russett Road, W. Roxbury
William T. Clarke,	2 Rush Street, Boston
Herbert C. Cleary,	204 Princeton Street, E. Boston
William J. Cunningham,	243 L Street, South Boston
Ralph Della-Russo,	28 Fleet Street, Boston
George H. Foley,	23 Concord Sq., Boston
Leroy F. Gorham,	97 Farragut Road, South Boston
Alexander S. LaRusso,	52 Atherton Street, Roxbury
James A. Magner,	523 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester
Patrick J. Moroney,	1162 Washington Street, Dorchester
James P. Reardon,	10 Ripley Road, Dorchester
Walter P. Rooney,	26 Ridon Road, Mattapan
Giovanni Somma,	114 Cottage Street, E. Boston

Promotions:

Walter M. Novak, John J. Costello and Michael J. Moschella, from laborer to carpenter with increase in wages from $44.50 to $47.50 per week, effective as of September 1, 1948.

Angelo Capobianco, from laborer to plumber's helper with wage increase from $44.50 to $47.50 per week, effective as of September 1, 1948.

Transfer:

Mrs. Mary Grogan from Hospital Department at $33.74 per week and three meals per day to position as Matron in Park Department at $35.42 per week, effective October 20, 1948.

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The Board considered award of a contract to Joseph J. Driscoll of 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston for architect's services, including the furnishing of plans and specifications and supervision in connection with the construction of a convenience station for women and children on Boston Common about opposite West Street, at the regular fee paid to architects. The cost of the building plus the architect's fee is not to exceed $30,000.00. Voted that the matter be laid on the table.

VOTED: to approve a request upon City Auditor Charles J. Fox that he release the sum of $14,638.31 now being held in the special appropriation, Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways, as an encumbered amount because of a contract with John Deveney & Company made in 1946 for Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty. The total amount of the contract is $45,368.00, but as the amount of work done under this contract has not exceeded $30,729.69 and no more work will be done under the contract, the balance of $14,638.31, if released, can be used for other road repairs in the department.

VOTED: That John J. Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, be empowered to sign all contracts and leases and such other papers that may come before the Park Department for the proper conduct of the business of hte department, for the period from November 1, 1948 to April 30, 1949 and that notice of this vote be sent to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

VOTED: to approva a request on the City Council for the following transfer of funds:

From	To
Special Appropriation, Reserve Fund..........$7,500.00	Park Department, B-42 Miscellaneous Services..$7,500.00

VOTED: To approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to Baker & Company, Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston, for "Repairing Roads in Various Sections of the Park Department", for a sum not to exceed $15,000 to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstructing and Repairing Parkways and Roadways, Revenue".

The Board considered the request of the Gahagan Construction Company for permission to use the Field House on Barry Playground as its field headquarters during the construction of its Contract No. 6 of the Mystic River Bridge. It was VOTED, to grant such permission to the Gahagan Construction Company, subject to the approval by the Law Department to the rental of city property and provided the Gahagan Construction Company agrees to maintain the building, paint it and leave it in as good or better condition than when received, the rental to be at the rate of $25.00 per month beginning October 15, 1948.

The Board considered the request of the American Federation of Labor to place tables on Boston Common displaying placards 40" x 40" instructing voters to vote NO on Referenda 5,6,7 appearing on election ballots in November 1948, and it was VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Board considered the matter of an amendment to Chapter 22, Section 10, of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 which specify that the city shall expend for perpetual care of burial lots in public cemeteries an amount equal to 4% per annum of the amount paid for such care. Because present earnings on perpetual care funds are about 2% or 2½% per annum instead of 4%, it is suggested that the ordinance be changed so that the city will be obligated to expend annually not more than 2½% of the amount paid for perpetual care of cemetery lots. It was VOTED, that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel of the city for legal advice regarding the proposed amendment and that the matter be discussed again at a later meeting.

The following matters were presented for the information of the Board:

1. Notice of Chairman to Foremen and Supervisors regarding certain provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law relating to accidents while working, medical examinations for new

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employees and those on sick leave, etc.

2. Notice from Boston Retirement Board relating to the State-Boston Retirement System.

The following matters were brought up for discussion by the Board:

1. Letter from Civil Service relating to the request of this department for the promotion of several employees in Recreation division to the position of District Recreation Supervisor. The matter was left to the Chairman, to be taken up with the Civil Service Commissioner.

2. A skating program on playgrounds of the department

The meeting was adjourned at 4. P M.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary

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December 1, 1948.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 1.15 p. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Voted to dispense with reading of records of previous meeting.

VOTED, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

Warren Bros. Roads Co. - 1st payment - "Asphalt Tennis Court Surfacing at Almont Street Playground, Dorchester.....	$ 1,703.78
Daniel Russell Boiler Works, Inc. - Second and final pmt.- "Furnishing and Erecting a New Steel Smoke Stack at Greenhouse, Franklin Park, West Roxbury"	204.75
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - Second and final pmt. - "Setting Playground Equipment on Concrete Foundations in Various Park Department Playgrounds in Boston, Mass."	3,917.38
S. J. Tomasello Corp. - Third and final payment - "Reconstructing Roadway Circle and Repairs at Castle Island, South Boston"	6,281.39
Harrison H. Atwood - 1st payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Golf Building on the Franklin Park Golf Course" ...	751.80
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Amount paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for expenses in connection with their employment ....Nov. 5, 1948..Park Div.	361.24
Cem. Div.	24.85
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expended in payment of water liens on Cummings Estate Property in Woburn and Lexington	12.50
Michael Racioppi - First payment - "Reconstructing Roof of Storage Shed at Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"	3,608.25
J. A. Singarella Co. - First payment - "Constructing Drainage Pipes and a Tide Water Control Gate Changer at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester"	2,125.00

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The American Laundry Machinery Co. -Second and final payment - "Furnish and Install One American Flat Work Ironer at the Dover Street Laundry, Boston, Massachusetts".........	$ 1,344.75
Coleman Bros. Corp. - Second and final payment - "Reconstructing Wall, Riprap and Repairs at Marine Park Pier, So.Boston"...	1,710.05
William J. Banfield - Fifth payment - "Cleaning the City of Boston Beaches, as per contract of July 8, 1948, ...	1,108.80
Harrison H. Atwood - Second payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Golf Building on the Franklin Park Golf Course"	99.80
Daniel J. Shea - Second and final payment - "Excavating and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass."	890.09
Michael Racioppi - First payment - "Constructing a Golf House at Franklin Park, W. Roxbury, Massachusetts"	11,610.00

VOTED, that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 482 of the Acts of 1948, the following-named four bridges now under control of the Park Department be transferred to the care, control and maintenance of the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, these being in addition to five other bridges so transferred by vote of the Board on August 18, 1948:

Columbia Road Bridge between Moseley Street and Old Colony Avenue, carrying Columbia Road over the M. T. A. Rapid Transit, the N. Y., N. H. & Hartford Railroad, and Old Colony Avenue.

Shoreham Street Bridge between Moseley Street and Old Colony Avenue, carrying Columbia Road over Shoreham Street.

Charlesgate West Bridge, between Commonwealth Avenue and Boylston Road, carrying Charlesgate West over the Boston and Albany Railroad and Ipswich Street.

The Richardson Bridge, carrying Boylston Street over Fens Water.

All these bridges are located on main route numbered highways, said highways being shown on a map issued by the Department of Public Works, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "Route Map of Massachusetts, 1941".

VOTED, to approve the following permits for alterations, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

40 Hereford Street - Alterations and change of occupancy from a rooming house to a cooking school.
500 Commonwealth Avenue - Interior alterations. Request of Kenmore Pharmacy.

The matter relating to the transfer of lots numbered 43A to 64 Lakeshore Road, Brighton, to the Park Department from the care and control of the Committee on Foreclosed Real Estate of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners, which was discussed at the Board meeting on August 18, 1948 and then referred to the Law Department, was again brought up for discussion. it was
VOTED, to request the Mayor that he have a special order drawn upon the City Council to effect this transfer.

CONTRACTS:

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, October 28, 1948, for "Furnishing and Installing a New Steam Boiler and Oil Burner at Mount Hope Cemetery Service Building, West Roxbury", as follows:

Ferris & Mahoney Co., 24 Cambria Street, Boston......	$ 1,036.00
J. W. Praught Co., 1049 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester..	1,163.00
Joseph P. O'Hearn, 9 Columbia Place, Dorchester	1,535.00
Ricciardelli Company, 245 Hanover Street, Boston.....	1,640.00

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Ferris & Mahoney Company, 24 Cambria Street, Boston, for the sum of $1,036.00, to be charged to the Budget appropriation, B-39 Cemetery Division.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, November 2, 1948, for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.", as follows:

R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston	$ 6,036.50
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston St., Boston.	6,345.00
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Ave., Cambridge	6,622.00
James A. Susi, 90 Cornell Street, Roslindale	8,320.00
Kennedy Crane Service, 1 Benton Rd., Somerville....	8,954.00

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston, for the estimated sum of $6,036.50, same to be charged to the budget appropriation, B-42 Cemetery Division.

VOTED, to award to the Caproni Galleries of Amedeo, Inc., 1914 Washington Street, a service order in the amount of $1650.00 for the erection of the Nativity Scene on Boston Common, to remain during the Christmas season. The work entails the building of a crib, the furnishing of statues and the erection of a shelter; alsothe removal of these parts at the end of the season. The cost is to be charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

VOTED, that the new bandstand at Marine Park, South Boston, be named the John H. Dunn Memorial Bandstand, in honor of the late John H. Dunn, a distinguished veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War 1, also a public official of the City of Boston for many years.

VOTED, to request His Honor the Mayor to ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000.00 which is available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 1, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$ 38,000.00	Nov. 2,1948
also the sum of	7,500.00	Dec. 1,1948.

VOTED, that the Board has no objection to the abatement by the Board of Assessors of outstanding moth taxes on parcel described as Lot 16 Oakwood Street, Ward 18, assessed to Patrick J. Carroll Heirs, for the years and in the amounts shown below:

1917.....	$00.50
1920.....	.86
1922.....	.85
	$ 2.21

The Board discussed the matter of the so-called "pigeon nuisance" on Boston Common which was brought to the attention of the department in a letter from Mrs. Roland M. Baker, Chairman of Public Affairs Committee of the Women's City Club of Boston. Chairman John J. Murphy had referred the matter to the Law Department in an effort to ascertain whether or not there are any laws pertaining to the control of this nuisance. The Board agreed to place the matter on file for the present.

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The Board discussed the possibility of installing flood lights at Columbus Park Stadium and Christopher Lee Playground, South Boston, also the installation of a basketball court on Healy Playground, West Roxbury, and the construction of new granolithic walks around Jamaica Pond. These improvements had all been suggested by City Council orders. The Board decided that these matters should be discussed with the Budget Commissioner regarding the advisability of placing them in the budget in one of the improvement items.

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Mr. Haffenreffer discussed with the members of the Board the possibility of getting more cooperation in playground development and playground work from the various neighborhood and community organizations and, if possible, of enlisting the support of several ladies who live in the vicinity of our playgrounds. In this way there might be considerable saving to the department and the city, and even if there were no saving in money we would have a better community spirit.

Mr. Lee was asked to investigate the possibility of having a meeting of organizations and neighborhood groups with the purpose in mind of suggesting to them that they do some of the work on our playgrounds mentioned above.

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The meeting adjourned at 5.30 P.M.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary.

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December 8, 1948.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston held on the 8th day of December 1948, a quaorum being present and voting, it was

VOTED: That John J. Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, be and hereby is authorized to sign in the name and behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners and deliver to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Boston, Massachusetts, an instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department whereby the said Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston authorizes and licenses the said New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to place, locate, construct and maintain in a location and manner satisfactory to the Board of Park Commissioners an underground telephone conduit in Dorchester Park, Dorchester, Massachusetts. Said license shall be revocable forthwith at the option of the Board of Park Commissioners and shall provide that all claims, damages, or expenses of any nature arising out of the placing, maintaining or removal of said telephone conduit shall be the sole and exclusive obligation of the said telephone company; that if the said telephone company shall fail to remove said telephone conduit after notice from the Board of Park Commissioners, said Board may cause same to be removed at the expense of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company; and that said telephone company after removal of said telephone conduit shall restore the distrubed premises as near as possible to their former condition.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary.

December 29, 1948.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 2.30 p.m.,

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting - voted to dispense with reading of them.

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The first part of this meeting was given to a hearing which had been requested by Mr. Harry Robinson, physical instructor in this department, for the purpose of discussing personal grievances relating to his work in the recreation program of this department. Councillor Julius Ansell and Recreation Director William M. Mullen were also present.

Mr. Robinson talked at length on his belief that he had a real grievance arising in the matter of promotions among physical instructors. Councillor Ansell then spoke in his favor regarding his character and ability. Commissioner Lee and Recreation Director Mullen then gave their views in explanation of Mr. Robinson's feeling that he had been ill-used.

After all parties had been heard, the Board members discussed the matter among themselves in an effort to solve the difficulties of which Mr. Robinson complained.

A full report of the hearing is on file in the Park Department office.

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The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Warren Bros. Roads Co. - 2nd & final payment - "Asphalt Tennis Court Surfacing at Almont Street Playground, Dorchester, Massachusetts" . . . .$	300.67
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for expenditures in connection with their employment . . . . . . Dec. 7,1948, Park Div..	420.57
Cem. Div..	33.88
Dorchester Plate & Window Glass Co. - 2nd & final payment - "Repairs to Dome House and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts	1085.16

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R. W. Balam - 3rd & final payment - "Subsoiling, concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts"	$ 798.40
Fred Ralston & Co. - 1st estimate - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston"	3,184.70
Ferris & Mahoney Co. - 1st estimate - "Furnishing and Installing a New Steam Boiler and Oil Burner at Mt. Hope Service Building, W. Roxbury"	880.60
H. Piken & Co., - 1st estimate - "Painting at the Elephant House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts"	1,190.00
H. W. Balam - 1st estimate - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass." . .	3,424.74
S. J. Tomasello Corp. - 1st estimate - "Proposed Roadway at Chestnut Hill Park, Brighton, Massachusetts"	6,911.53
Metropolitan Transit Authority - In payment of approximately 64,400 square feet of land, more or less, situated on Faneuil Street in the Brighton District of the City of Boston, for playground purposes, - approved by the City Council on September 20 and by the Mayor on September 21, 1948, ...	25,760.00

The Board gave considerable time to a review and discussion of the 1949 budget of the department.

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $8,580.10 which was available on November 15, 1948, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$ 8,580.10

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Permits:

VOTED, to approve a permit referred to the Park Department by the Building Department for alterations to the building at 257-259 Commonwealth Avenue, all interior in nature.

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Abatements

VOTED, to abate one-half of a year's rental under the lease held by Mr. James P. Hoar for the Castle Island refreshment privilege. The yearly rental is $1315. Mr. Hoar contended that he was unable to do much business on Castle Island during the summer of 1948 because the Island was not open to the public until late in the season and that then a contract was awarded for the building of a roadway circle which interfered with the public's use of the area for recreation. The abatement of one-half year's rental, $657.50, will apply to 1949 rent.

VOTED, to abate the sum of $500 on rental due from Mr. Daniel E. Hurley under his lease for the Columbus Park Refreshment Concession. The yearly rental is $1500. Mr. Hurley contended that the weather during the month of June was wet and cold and that during July and August business was favorable only when the tides were high between 11 a. m. and 6 p. m.

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Contract

VOTED, to approve a license to Rita M. Corcoran of 25 St. Gregory Street, Dorchester, for the refreshment privilege in the George Wright Golf Clubhouse for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1949 and terminating December 31, 1952. The rental fee is $200 per year, payable on or before April 15 in each year during the term of the license.

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Personnel Matters

Promotions and Adjustments in Compensation:-

August P. Deveney, Jeremiah Donovan, and Francis Kelly, - promoted to positions as Gardener at $50.50 per week, effective November 10, 1948.

George E. Boutilier - Laborer to Rigger with increase from $44.50 to $50.50 per week.
Raymond Flaherty, - Chauffeur to Machinist with increase from $47.50 to $50.50 per week.
Robert Cole, - Laborer to Machinist, with increase from $44.50 to $50.50 per week.
Edward L. Judge, - Laborer to Chauffeur with increase from $44.50 to $47.50 per week.
Daniel Walraven, - Gardener to Carpenter. No change in compensation.
Charles J. Feeney, Greenkeeper. Increase from $3200 to $33oo per year.
Joseph M. Heirty, Boxing Instructor to Supervisor of Boxing at $3000 per year. No change in compensation.
John E. White, Superintendent of Baths, - Increase from $3700 to $4000 per year.

Transfer of Employees:

Miss Helen McGuire from Hospital Department to Park Department as matron at $35.42 per week, effective October 27, 1948.
Mrs. Evangeline O'Brien from Hospital Department to Park Department as matron at $35.42 per week, effective November 17, 1948.
Miss Anna M. Grogan from Hospital Department to Park Department as matron at $35.42 per week, effective December 29, 1948.
Patrick J. McCormack from Public Works Department to Park Department as laborer at $44.50 per week, effective November 10, 1948.
Edward J. Halloran from Hospital Department to Park Department as Laborer at $44.50 per week, effective December 29, 1948.
Duncan C. Thomas from Park Department to Hospital Department as third-class stationary engineer at $35.42 per week, effective December 8, 1948.

Leave of Absence:

Paul E. Conlon, laborer, for period of three months, effective December 21, 1948.

Retirement:

John J. Martin,)laborers retired as of the close of business on November
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The Board gave consideration to the matter of acquiring several lots of land adjacent to Fairview Cemetery for the purpose of enlarging and beautifying the cemetery. The lots are on Atherton Avenue, St. Joseph Street, St. Charles Street, and Fairview Avenue. The cost would be approximately $8000.00.

VOTED: that a letter be addressed to the Mayor asking that action be instituted for the purpose of taking these parcels of land for cemetery purposes.

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The meeting adjourned at 5.40 P.M.

Secretary

February 23, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Baker & Co., Inc. - 1st payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty"	$ 9,241.38
Michael Racioppi - Second and final pmt. - "Reconstructing Roof of Storage Shed at Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury"	636.75
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment - Dec. 31, 1948, ... Park Division,..	431.11
Cem. Division...	32.85
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - 1st payment - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston", contract of November 29, 1948, ...	3,184.52
R. W. Balam - Second payment - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury"	631.71
Allied Engineering Corp. - Third payment - "Repairs to the Bird House at the Franklin Park Zoo"	49.76
F. C. Dolan & Sons - First payment - "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo"	18,325.44
S. J. Tomasello Corp. - Second and final payment - "Proposed Roadway at Chestnut Hill Park, Brighton, Mass." . . .	1,219.68
Ferris & Mahoney Co. - Second and final payment - "Furnishing and Installing a New Steam Boiler and Oil Burner at Mt. Hope Service Building, West Roxbury, Mass."	155.40
H. Piken & Co. - Second and final payment - "Painting at the Elephant House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston"	210.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies in connection with their employment - Feb. 4, 1949, . . . Park Division...	420.17
Cem. Division...	38.32
Fred Ralston & Co. - Second and final payment - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston",- contract of November 29, 1948, ...	562.00

VOTED, to approve the following building permits, submitted to the Park Department by the Building Department:

290-300 Fenway - Request of Simmons College to make interior alterations.

378 Riverway - Request of C. L. Rand for interior alterations to increase number of apartments in the building.

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to sell one old unused spraying machine to the Fitzhenry Guptill Co., of 135 First Street, Cambridge (who have a customer for it) for the sum of $475.00. This machine is one of five purchased from this company in 1936 and is no longer in use in this department.

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CONTRACTS

VOTED, to approve the following contracts and contract changes:

Dorgan Electrical Co., Inc - Repairing relocating and making safe the electric wiring system and also furnishing and installing modern flourescent fixtures for the sum of $1865, to be charged to budget item B-39. Work to be done at Dover Street Bath House. Unadvertised.

Allied Engineering Corporation - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House", - the architect's fee to be 6 per cent of the amount of the construction contract and 4 per cent for supervision, or a total fee of 10 per cent which will amount to approximately $7000. To be charged to B-42. Unadvertised.

Poland Laundry Machinery Co. "Overhaul and repair five washers and four extractors at the Dover Street Laundry", for a sum not to exceed $1085.00. To be charged to B-39 in Park Department budget. Unadvertised.

Contract Changes and Extensions of Time

Michael Racioppi - "Construction of a Golf House at Franklin Park, West Roxbury":

Substitute knotty pine interior wall finish, substitute pine sheathing for roof overhang, furnish 15 window shutters, 18 ledge excavations at $15.00, install electric wall heaters,--all for the sum of $1715.00

Substitute clear wire glass - deduction, $112.00.
Net addition - $1603.00

F. C. Dolan & Sons - Extension of time on contract for "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston", to April 1, 1949.

Allied Engineering Corporation - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications, and Supervision, required for Repairs to the Bird House at the Franklin Park Zoo - time extended to April 1, 1949.

Michael Racioppi - "Constructing a Golf House at Franklin Park, West Roxbury". Time extended to March 1, 1949.

AGREEMENTS AND LICENSES - VOTED TO APPROVE:

Jolly Ice Cream Co. - License to sell ice cream, soft drinks, candy, etc., in various sections of the Park Department - Boston Common; Charlesbank Playground; North End Playground and Beach; Fens Stadium Playground; Columbus Park Stadium; Christopher Gibson Playground; Fallon Field; William Garvey Playground; L Street Baths - stand to be on front lawn; all for the sum of $655.00. License in effect one year from January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949.

Hub Concessionaires, Inc. - License to sell ice cream, etc., on Boston Common the entire area east of the easterly line of the ball field extended from Boylston Street to Beacon Street, for the sum of $250.00. Term of the license, May 1, 1949 to January 1, 1950.

William Taylor - License to operate golf professional's privilege, also golf shop and sports concession, at the George Wright Golf Course Clubhouse for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1949 and terminating December 31, 1951, for the sum of $50 per year during the term of the license.

William H. Baldwin - License to operate a men's massage service at the L Street Bath House and to have the use of a room measuring approximately 15 ft. by 15 ft. in the L Street building for this purpose. Rental to be at the rate of $100 per year for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1949 and ending December 31, 1951.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

It was Voted to approve the following promotions, appointments, etc., relating to personnel in this department:

Promotions with change in ratings:

Henry L. Higgins - Gardening Laborer to Chauffeur, $44.50 to $47.50 per week.
Thomas F. O'Malley - Gardening Laborer to Gardener, $47.50 to $50.50 per week.
Louis Miano - Chauffeur to Gardener, $47.50 to $50.50 per week.
Harry Robinson - Physical Instructor to District Recreation Supervisor, (Temp. Transfer), $3000 to [4100 per year.

Appointments - 14 Permanent Laborers, effective January 19, 1949, at $44.50 Wk.

Robert J. Adams; Guisippe Gappuccio; Thomas J. Conroy; William J. Dowd; Thomas J. Kerrigan; Frank Lomanno; Francis J. Lynch; Charles J. Murphy; Francis J. O'Brien; Frank Pasquino; Nunzio Ranci; Anthony F. Russo; Robert J. Shea,Jr.; Bernard H. Tansey.

Transfers:

Angelo J. Spina, laborer in Fire Department, transferred to Park Department as laborer at $44.50 per week. Effective January 12, 1949.
John R. Howard, laborer in Public Works Department, transferred to Park Department as laborer at $44.50 per week. Effective Feb. 9, 1949.

Leaves of Absence:

John F. Evans - Laborer at $44.50 per week. Granted leave to accept trial appointment in the United States postoffice for one year beginning December 29, 1948.
Patrick J. Ryan - Assistant Director of Recreation at $3500 per year. Recalled to active duty with the United States Navy, effective February 2, 1949.
John J. Kelly - Laborer at $44.50 per week. Three months' leave for purpose of continuing studies under G. I. Bill of Rights, beginning February 2, 1949.

Retirements:

Delia F. Trayers, matron. Retired as of January 31, 1949, by Boston Retirement Board.

VOTED, to approve request for the transfer of $60,000 from the income of the Cemetery General Fund under authority of Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1913, to replace the amount cut in the A-1 item of the Cemetery Division budget.

The Board has been officially informed that certain bridges, listed below, formerly in the care and custody of the Park Department of the City of Boston have been given over to the care and custody of the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as provided under the provisions of Chapter 482 of the Acts of 1946. This action was recommended by the Board of Park Commissioners at its meeting on August 18, 1948:

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge (vicinity of Cottage Farm Bridge)
Park Drive Bridge (between Beacon Street and Brookline Avenue)
Brookline Village Overpass (carrying Jamaicaway over Huntington Ave.)
Longwood Avenue Bridge (carrying Longwood Avenue over Muddy River)
Commonwealth Avenue Bridges (two) from Charlesgate East toward Charlesgate West).

At its meeting on December 1, 1948 the Board voted to turn over to the care and custody of the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the care and custody of the following-named bridges now in care and custody of the Park Department, as provided under the provisions of Chapter 482 of the Acts of 1946:

Columbia Road Bridge between Moseley Street and Old Colony Avenue, carrying Columbia Road over the M. T. A. Rapid Transit, the N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad, and Old Colony Avenue.

Shoreham Street Bridge between Moseley Street and Old Colony Avenue, carrying Columbia Road over Shoreham Street.

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Charlesgate West Bridge, between Commonwealth Avenue and Boylston Road, carrying Charlesgate West over the Boston and Albany railroad and Ipswich Street.

The Richardson Bridge, carrying Boylston Street over Fens water.

The Board has been officially informed by the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth that bridges not on numbered highways, such as these listed above, were not accepted by that department but that an appeal from this decision has been made to the attorney general. Until such time as a decision has been rendered, nothing more can be done about the transfer.

LEASES, AGREEMENTS

VOTED, to award, without advertising for bids, the refreshment concession at Columbus Park, South Boston, to Timothy A. Hurley of 128 Walcott Road, Hyde Park, for a term of five year from June 15, 1949 to June 14, 1954, at rental of $1000.00 per year during the term of the lease.

Consideration was given the request of David Baker of Kiddieland, Inc., 197 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket, for lease of a parcel of land in Franklin Park for the purpose of establishing a "Kiddieland", the lease to run for a term of ten years and the rental to be ten per cent of gross receipts. The Board VOTED, to request the Corporation Counsel for a decision on the legality of leasing any part of a public park for a commercial enterprise.

NAMING OF PLAYGROUNDS

The Board considered several requests for naming the playground at the corner of Green and Lamartine Street, Jamaica Plain, in honor of service men who gave their lives in the recent war. One request was in honor of Corporal Johnson, one of the first boys from Jamaica Plain to be killed in action, and another for Corporal Robert H. Clark who was killed in an airplane accident in Montpelier, Vermont, on June 5, 1947 and who is one of three brothers to lose their lives in the military services and the Merchant Marine during the last few years.

A discussion was then held relative to naming playgrounds and park areas, bringing out the fact that there are not enough such areas to honor individually all service men killed in action for whom such requests are made.

Councillor Thomas McCormack appeared before the Board in favor of naming the play area at Green and Lamartine Streets for Corporal Edward Johnson. However, he said he was willing to abide by the decision of the Board if in its judgment such areas should be called "memorial" parks or playgrounds, each one to have installed a plaque bearing the names of all service men of the district who gave their lives in world war II.

Accordingly, it was voted that a form letter be sent to the Boards of Park Commissioners in several of the larger cities of the country in an effort to ascertain the policy in each city regarding the naming of playgrounds and other park areas in honor of the war dead.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 o'clock p. m.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary

March 21, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy, Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

F. C. Dolan & Sons - Second estimate - "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston"	$ 9,685.80
John Deveney & Co. - Second & final payment - "Asphalt Surfacing on John J. Doherty Playground, Charlestown. .	1,588.78
John Deveney & Co. - Third and final payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty	12,037.59
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - Second & final pmt. - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston". .	561.97
Allied Engineering Corporation - Fourth pmt. - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications, and Supervisión, required for Repairs to the Bird House of the Franklin Park Zoo"	290.57
John J. Murphy, Chairman - Expenses of trip to New York and return, March 5 and 6, 1949, with the Park Department basketball team which played in New York on Saturday, March 5	36.73
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses of Park Department employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment . . . . Park Div.......	306.20
Cem. Div.	37.93

VOTED, to approve the following building permits, referred to this department by the Building Department:

37 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from eight to nine families, and provide additional egress. Request of William A. Sargent.

178 " " - Change occupancy from guest house to eight apartments. Request of Roy Frank Kipp.

484 " " - Repair fire damage. Request of George, Grace and Robert Wyshak.

Leases - Permits

VOTED, to approve a permit to the Boston Bowling Club for use of the bowling green in Franklin Field for the season of 1949, April 1 to December 1, for a fee of $250.00.

VOTED, to approve an award, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, of the refreshment privilege at Carson Beach, Columbus Park, South Boston, without advertising for bids, to Mr. Timothy A. Hurley of 128 Wolcott Street, Hyde Park, for a term of five years beginning June 15, 1949 and ending June 14, 1954, at a rental of $1000 per year.

Contracts

Allied Engineering Corporation - "Alterations and Additions to the Bird House, Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts", signed September 29, 1948:-

Changes as per order dated February 24, 1949: Paint all exterior steel work on cages for the sum of $671.00, and repair and put in good working order 78 steel access panel doors between inner and outer cages for sum of $234.00 - total $905.00.

Original amount of contract	$ 48,934.00
Addition as per paragraphs 1 & 2 of order,	905.00
Contract as standing	$ 49,839.00

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Personnel Matters:

Transfers:

Mary E. Duran, 27 Howell Street, Dorchester - transferred from Hospital Department to Park Department as matron at $35.42 per week, effective March 23, 1949.

Pasquale Gardalisco, 6 Foster Street, Dorchester - transferred from Public Works Department to Park Department as Laborer at $44.50 per week, effective March 2, 1949.

Promotion:

Patrick F. O'Brien, 18 Ticknor Street, South Boston, from Sub-foreman of Painters to Foreman of Painters with increase in salary from $2800 to $3000 per year, effective February 23, 1949.

Naming of Playgrounds:

The Board read and considered several letters received from park commissions of other cities regarding their policies in the matter of naming park and playground areas in honor of their war dead, the letters having been received in response to a query sent out by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy, to park commissions in several large cities in the country. It was voted that the letters be held for further consideration at a future meeting.

Deeds - Agreements:

The Board voted to concur in a deed from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Trustees of Boston University of 57,697 square feet of land in Boston near Cottage Farm Bridge, as required by Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

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The Board voted to approve an amendment to an agreement between the City of Boston and Motor Parks, Inc., relating to a proposed garage under Boston Common as authorized by Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1946 of the Massachusetts General Court. This amendment provides for a change in dates mentioned in Paragraph 1 and 2 of the agreement as follows:

> 1. The date in paragraph 1 of said agreement is changed from March 15, 1949 to May 15, 1949.
> 2. The respective dates in paragraph 2 of said agreement are changed as follows:
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> From April 15, 1949 to June 15, 1949,
> from May 15, 1949 to July 15, 1949
> from June 15, 1949 to August 15, 1949
> from July 15, 1949 to September 15, 1949
> from August 15, 1949 to October 15, 1949.

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The remainder of the time in this meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Community Survey Report. It was voted to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Adjourned at 3.45 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J O'Keefe
Secretary

April 4, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 10.15 A. M., today, at 33 Beacon Street.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Michael Racioppi - 2nd payment - "Constructing a Golf House at Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"	$ 8,460.00
Harrison H. Atwood - 3rd payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the new Golf Building on the Franklin Park Golf Course"...	233.32

Voted, to approve the following building permit, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

200 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from two apartments and rooming house to four apartments and rooming house. Request of Irving J. and Beryl S. Kennedy.

The Board discussed the protest received from Hugh P. McNally and Carl L. Stucklen, real estate agents of 65 Beacon Street, Boston, against continued permission by the Board of Park Commissioners to Hampshire House for the maintenance of two protruding electric signs on either side of the main entrance to the building at 84 Beacon Street, both illuminated with the words,"Restaurant-Lounge", and another sign with the words, "Hampshire House", illuminated under the marquee. The protest was made because Mr. McNally and Mr. Stucklen believe the signs are strictly in violation of the rules and regulations of the Park Department. The Board voted that the matter be laid on the table until the next meeting.

Contracts:

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the Clyde Everett Equipment Company for the repair of two gasoline rollers of the Buffalo-Springfield type, at an estimated cost of $1295.57, to be charged to B-39 in the Park Department budget.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, March 29, 1949, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Water Supply, Grading and Improvements at Franklin Park Golf Course, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Martin J. Kelly, Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain....	$ 3,684.35
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	3,952.00
Michael Raccioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	4,106.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury	4,897.50
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston ...	4,966.25
James A. Susi, 90 Cornell Street, Roslindale	5,205.00
Susi & DeSantis Co., Inc., 452 Hanover St., Boston	9,672.50

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Martin J. Kelly, Inc., 95 Prince Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $3,684.35, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to C. J. Maney, Inc., 24 Dane Street, Somerville, for "Reshaping, Grading and Surfacing Playstead, Franklin Park, adjacent to the Stadium", payment to be at the allowable rates, and the total amount of the contract to be approximately $10,000. Charged to Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue.

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Contracts (Cont.)

Voted, to approve an extension of time to May 1, 1949, on contract of F. D. Dolan & Sons for "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts".

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Voted, to approve changes in contract of F. C. Dolan & Sons for "Alterations and Additions to the Bird House, Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts", contract signed September 29, 1948, as follows:

> Repairs and replacements to electric wiring to and from each light located over 62 interior cages and to some ceiling lights in different service rooms, all for the sum of $682.00, - as per order dated March 24, 1949.

Original amount of contract	$ 48,934.00
Addition as per previous order	905.00
Addition as per this order	682.00
Contract now standing	$ 50,521.00

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Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract without advertising for bids, to John F. Paramino, 108 Edmunds Road, Wellesley, for the erection of a memorial tablet 2'4" x 2'6" including a portrait bas relief and inscription to be cast in bronze and erected on a granite holding stone, on Boston Common, on the Tremont Street Mall about opposite Avery Street. The amount of the contract is $8750, to be charged to Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue.

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Personnel:

Voted, to approve reinstatement of John J. Kelly, 55 Burke Street, South Boston, to his position as laborer in this department at $44.50 per week. Mr. Kelly had been granted leave of absence for the purpose of attending school under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

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Several letters recently received from park commissions in various large cities of the country were brought to the attention of the Board, all referring to the policies of those commissions regarding the naming of park areas in honor of their war dead. The Board voted that Mr. O'Keefe be requested to review all the letters and submit a tentative policy for consideration by the Boston Park Commission.

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The Board further discussed the Community Fund Survey Report and then agreed to continue discussions at the next meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12.45 p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

May 11, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.15 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Paul J. Carrigan, $10.00; Arthur English, $10.00; William O'Sullivan, $28.00; Fred DeCosta, $28.00 - Expenses paid to these individuals in connection with their attendance at an Arborist's Short Course, at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, between March 28 and April 1, 1948...Total,	$ 76.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park Department employees for expenses in connection with their employment, as per vouchers, ...April 7, 1949, Park Div....	$318.28
Cem. Div....	40.95
Michael Racioppi - Third payment - "Constructing a Golf House at Franklin Park, W. Roxbury, Massachusetts"	$934.20
Harrison H. Atwood - 4th payment - "Architectural Services in the preparation of plans and specifications for the new golf building on the Franklin Park golf course"	$268.68
Allied Engineering Corp. - 1st payment - "Architectural Services for the preparation of plans and specifications for the restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House.	$2100.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons - 3rd payment - "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Massachusetts"....	$16,029.36
Fred Ralston & Co. - 1st payment - "First Spraying of Elm Trees in Parks and on City Streets"	$ 4,930.00
John F. Paramino - 1st payment - "Designing and Erecting Monument to Commodore John Barry"	$ 1,750.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park Department employees for expenses in connection with their employment, as per vouchers . . . . .May 6, 1949, Park Div....$	403.50

It was called to the attention of the Board that notice had been received from the office of the City Clerk certifying that John J. Murphy had been appointed to be Park Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1952, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909.

The Board then adopted the following:

VOTED: That John J. Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, be empowered to sign all contracts and leases and such other papers that may come before the Park Department for the proper conduct of the business of the department, for the period from May 1, 1949 to April 30, 1950, and that notice of this vote be sent to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

The Board again considered the complaint of Messrs. McNally & Stucklen that protruding electric signs on the main entrance to the Hampshire House, 81 Beacon Street, are a violation of the Park Department rules.

VOTED: To approve a request on the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $50,000 now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$50,000.00

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Order of City Council: The following Order of the City Council was called to the attention of the Board: - That the sum of $70,000 be appropriated, to be expended as follows:

Park Department - Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs	$70,000.00

In City Council April 21, 1949. Passed. Approved by Mayor April 25, 1949.

CONTRACTS:

VOTED, to award a contract without advertising, to Fred Ralston & Company, 337 Washington Street, Brighton, for "First Spraying of Elm Trees in Parks and on City Streets for a sum not to exceed $5800. To be charged to B-42, Park Department budget. The work to be paid for on the basis of $12.25 per hour for the truck, blower, driver of truck and operator of the blower; and the D.D.T. mixture to be furnished at $1.00 per gallon.

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VOTED, to award to The Thompson & Lichtner Co., Inc., 8 Alton Place, Brookline, for "Professional Engineering Services on the Charlesgate West Bridge. The firm is to make an inspection of the bridge for the purpose of determining its safety and is to furnish the necessary expert services for making calculations for redesigning and strengthening the structure, including expert advice and necessary drawings and any supervision required.

The firm is to be compensated on an hourly basis, the total cost not to exceed $3500, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park Department, Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs".

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VOTED: to award to C. J. Maney Co., Inc., 24 Dane Street, Somerville, contract for "Alterations and Repairs to the Charlesgate West Bridge in the Back Bay Fens, for an estimated sum of $64,725.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park Department, Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs".

The contract was awarded without advertising for the reason that speed in completing the job is vitally necessary in order that this heavily travelled bridge may be reopened to traffic as soon as possible.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Tuesday, May 3, 1949, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Furnishing and Erecting Steel Guard Rail at Francis Parkman Drive, Olmstead Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Pearson Company, Inc., 15 Boylston Place, Brookline	$ 1,375.91
Charles A. Reynolds Co., 5 Richmond St., Boston	1,523.99
Universal Fence Co., Inc., 251 Andover Street, Lawrence	1,542.50
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 73 Stedman Street, J. P.	1,739.94
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury	1,758.45
DeStefano Construction Co., 53 State St., Boston	1,851.00
M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	1,974.40

VOTED, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Pearson Company, Inc., 15 Boylston Place, Brookline, for the sum of $1375.91, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc.".

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VOTED, to approve a Service Order for the repair and reconditioning of the men's and women's sanitaries on Castle Island, South Boston, to Robert A. LaCentra Company of 57 Washington Street North, Boston, for the sum of $1843.00, to be charged to B-39 Park Department budget.

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CONTRACTS (Cont.)

VOTED: to award a service order to Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp., 280 Bridge Street, Dedham, for aerial spraying of approximately 500 acres of Franklin Park using a 6 per cent D. D. T. solution, for the sum of $891.50, and approximately 150 acres on the George Wright Golf Course for the sum of $225.00, - total cost, $1216.50. This spraying is required for the control of leaf-eating insects and mosquitos. The cost is to be charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

VOTED, to approve the following:

Permanent Laborers appointed at $44.50 per week, effective April 13, 1949:

Harold J. Dunn   Paul F. Keady   Loreto Tempesta
Richard F. Fitzgerald   Richard J. McDonough
Albert J. Frausel   William C. Rooney   Bernard W. Wilkie.

Sliding Scale Step-rate Salary Increases:

District Supervisors of Recreation, from $3100 to $3200:- Frederick J. Byrne, Frank H. Caswell, George T. Connell, William H. Cronan, James J. O'Brien, Harry Robinson..

Bookkeepers- Stenographers: - Katherine M. Fitzgerald, $3000-$3100; Catherine M. Hughes, $2800-$2900; Margaret T. Carley, Eva L. Connor, Helen M. Sheehan, Mary E. Hagerty, $2800-$2900 per year.

General Foremen: - Thomas E. Martin, $3400-$3500; Paul J. Carrigan and Martin F. Walsh, $3300-$3400 per year.

Foremen: - John J. Hammond, $3100-$3200; Joseph F. Bradley, William E. Collins, Arthur A. English, Charles F. Guiney, John J. Keane, $3000-$3100 per year; Joseph J. McCarthy, Frank J. McGrath, Thomas F. Mullins, $2800-$2900 per year. John J. Butler and William Hanrahan, $2800-$2900 per year.

Collector: - Patrick J. Burke, $2800-$2900 per year.

Greenkeeper: - Thomas Roberta, $3000-$3100 per year.

Supervisor of Projects and Statistics: - William J. Glennon, $2900-$3000 year.

Assistant Supervisor of Records: - Dennis N. O'Leary, $2800-$2900 year.

Assistant Greenkeeper: - George W. B. Murdoch, $2900-$3000; William L. Cotter, $2600-$2700 year.

Physical Instructors: - Hugh F. Dunn, Thomas E. Jackson, Charles Kellert, Edwin P. Koenig, Michael Nazzaro, Ernest Stevens, $2900-$3000 year; John W. Hardiman and Anthony Segadelli, $2700-$2800 year.

Custodians: - William Bailey, Joseph E. Denton, Frank R. DeSalvatore, Patrick J. Foley, James Keegan, Richard F. Kelly, Albert W. Page, Robert Donovan, James E. Hunter, $2700 - $2900 year; Alfred T. Repucci and John A. Hannon, $2700-$2800 per year; Basil S. Quirk, $2600-$2700; Louis J. Lemmo, Daniel J. McCarthy, William H. Kelly, $2300-$2400 year.

Clerk- Stenographer: - Gail Barry, $1800-$1900 year.

Telephone Operator: - Marie Tuohey, $2400-$2500 year.

Grade II Engineer: - Arthur J. Connerny, $2600-$2700 year.

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Transfers: Patrick J. Nee, Jr., 737 Parker Street, Roxbury, transferred from Hospital Department to Park Department as a laborer at $44.50 per week, effective May 4, 1949.

Promotion: Edward A. Cass, Charles McCarthy, Thomas C. Regan, and James C. Duzan, - laborers at $44.50 per week to Chauffeurs at $47.50 per week, effective April 21, 1949.

Leave of Absence: - Request for continued leave of absence for William J. McMackin, Jr., from June 2, 1949 to September 1, 1949, because of illness.

Retirements: - Ellen V. Carey, matron, and Charles F. Donoghue, assistant custodian, retired by Boston Retirement Board as of April 30, 1949.

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LAND TRANSFERS, ETC.

VOTED: to approve the following land transfers:

To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for hospital purposes: - Tract of land between Morton Street and Circuit Drive containing about 12.98 acres.

To the United States of America, Veterans Administration: - Parcel of land containing approximately 136,128 square feet, situated on Heath and Cranford Street, Roxbury, no longer needed for park purposes, is to be transferred with a parcel of land containing 8230 square feet no longer needed by the Street Commissioners for public highway purposes, in one sale for the sum of $72,500. Sale approved by Mayor on February 20, 1948. Passed in City Council on February 2, 194

To Board of Park Commissioners of Boston: - Certain land on Union Street in the Brighton District of the City of Boston from the School Department to the Park Department of said city, to be developed and maintained as a public playground, under provisions of Ch. 45 of General Laws. Petition for transfer approved by School Department on November 3, 1948, Legislative Act approved March 21, 1949, and accepted by City Council April 1, 1949 and by Mayor April 5, 1949. Acceptance by Board of Park Commissioners held in abeyance pending vote of School Committee agreeing to transfer.

To Board of Park Commissioners of Boston: - Certain land on Myrtle Street in the City of Boston from the School Department to the Park Department of said city. Land situated on southerly side of Myrtle street, between Joy street and Anderson street, held by the city for school purposes. To be transferred to the control and charge of Board of Park Commissioners to be developed and maintained as a public playground. Legislative Act approved March 4, 1949, by City Council on April 13, 1949, and by Mayor on April 18, 1949. Acceptance by Board of Park Commissioners held in abeyance pending vote of School Committee agreeing to transfer.

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The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

June 28, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 10.15 a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Michael Racioppi - 4th & final payment - "Constructing a Golf House at Franklin Park, W. Roxbury, Massachusetts"..$.	2,333.80
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - 1st payment - "Water Supply, Grading and Improvements at Franklin Park Golf Course"...	3,128.86
Harrison H. Atwood - 5th and final payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Golf Building on the Franklin Park Golf Course...	46.68
Joseph J. Driscoll - 1st payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Convenience Station for Women and Children which is to be erected on Boston Common", ...	450.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for Transportation, Telephone Calls and Miscellaneous Supplies in Connection with their Employment, dated July 7, 1949..........Park Division....	420.11
Cemetery Division.	47.41

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Special Drafts (Cont.)

C. J. Maney Co., Inc. - 1st payment, "Reshaping, Grading, Resurfacing and Seeding the Playstead, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass."	$ 8,500.00

Unfinished Business:

The complaint of McNally & Stucklen regarding a sign over the Hampshire House at 84 Beacon Street was brought up for discussion again. It was voted that the matter be held over until the next meeting.

VOTED: To approve the following building permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

200 Commonwealth Avenue	- Change occupancy from two apartments and rooming house to four apartments and rooming house. Request of Irving J. and Beryl S. Kennedy.
209 " "	- Change occupancy from one family to library, school and chapel as per plans. Request of Newman Prep. School.
258 " "	- Change occupancy from one to three families. Request of Benigna M. Whalen.
330 " "	- Change occupancy from lodging house to lodging house and one family on first floor, and repairs to basement and first floor.
540-548 " "	- Lowering ceilings in portions of second and third floors, building new partitions on second and third floors, and other interior repairs.

VOTED: TO approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $28,000, available as of May 20, 1949, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$28,000.00.

CONTRACTS

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, May 19, 1949, for "Furnishing and Erecting a Wire Fence at the George M. Walker Playground, Dorchester, Massachusetts", as follows:

P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston	$3,113.70
Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams St., Dor.......	3,242.20

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lower of the two bidders, P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $3,113.70, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the Superior Tree Service, Inc., 13 Littlejohn Street, Arlington, for the removal of dead trees in the South Boston district of the city, where directed, for the sum of $1950.00, to be charged to B-42 Park Department budget.

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VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to Fred Ralston & Co., 337 Washington Street, Brighton, for the removal of dead trees in the South End of the city, where directed, for the sum of $1950, to be charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

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VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to William J. Banfield of 50 Terminal Street, Charlestown, for the cleaning of City of Boston beaches during the summer season, from June 15 to September 13, 1949, the total cost for the season not to exceed the sum of $8000.00,to be charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

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CONTRACTS: (Cont.)

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the Rufo Construction Company, 1 Allen Road, Brighton, for the laying of a granite block hip gutter on the Arborway, on the easterly side of the inbound road. The cost is not to exceed $1500 and is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the Daniel Russell Boiler Works, 83 Boston Street, Boston, for repairs to the No. 1 Boiler at the Cabot Street Bath House, at a cost of $1985.00, to be charged to Park Department budget item B-39.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 24, 1949, for "Asphalt Surfacing Arnold Arboretum, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Vulcan Construction Co., 193 Hanover St., Boston	$ 2,547.50
J. J. Struzziery Co., Inc., 115 Kittredge St., Ros.	2,806.25
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston St., Boston	2,925.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury	2,987.50
Cronin & Horigan Inc., 111 Woodhaven St., Mattapan	3,025.00
Pearson Company, Inc., 15 Boylston Pl., Brookline	3,321.05
Adams Asphalt Co., 53 Blanche St., Cambridge	3,402.50
James A. Susi, 90 Cornell Street, Roslindale	3,587.50
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., J. P.	3,625.00
Larkin & Lambert Constr. Co., 61 Lithgow St., Dorc.	3,660.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Ave., Boston	3,957.50
L. P. Quinn & Co., 29 Kensington St., Newtonville	4,075.00
P. V. Barone Corp., 70 Glencoe St., Brighton	3,533.75

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Vulcan Construction Company, 193 Hanover Street, Brighton, for the approximate sum of $2,547.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways, Revenue".

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for the construction of three Bocci Courts in the Almont Street Playground, Mattapan, for a price not to exceed $1300, same to be charged to "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the Central Construction Company, 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for "Furnishing and Laying new 2"-thick Asphalt Concrete Surfacing, as firected by this department, along the Westerly Side of the Columbia Road Entrance to Franklin Park from Blue Hill Avenue to Glen Road". Estimated cost $1650.00, to be charged to B-42 Park Department budget.

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VOTED, to award a service order to P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston, for furnishing and erecting approximately 175 feet of 40-foot high, 1-inch mesh fox netting along the back of the stone wall at the sixteenth fairway on the George Wright Golf Course, for the sum of $1985.00. The fence is for the purpose of preventing golf balls being driven over the existing fence, damaging property and endangering the safety of the residents. The cost of the work is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc.".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 24, 1949, for "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester, Massachusetts", as follows:

A. Singarella & Son, 22a Tremlett Street, Dorchester	$33,275.00
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	33,790.00
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	36,719.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford Street, W. Roxbury	37,370.00
J. J. Struzziery Co., Inc., 115 Kittredge St., Roslindale	37,830.00
S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston	38,675.00
M. & R. Construction Co., 62 Long Wharf, Boston	40,500.00
James A. Susi, 90 Cornell Street, Roslindale	40,615.00

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CONTRACTS (Cont.)

Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain.....	$41,300.00
Louis J. Banda, 174 Boston Street, Dorchester	43,450.00
James D'Amico Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	48,015.00
Continental Construction Corp., 6 Pleasant St., Malden.....	75,200.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, A. Singarella & Son, 22a Tremlett Street, Dorchester, for the approximate sum of $33,275.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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VOTED, to approve an amendment to contract of Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, for "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no maintenance Guaranty". This amendment will increase the cost of the work under the original contract from a sum not to exceed $15,000 to a sum not to exceed $16,700, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair at Parkways and Roadways". The additional work includes repaving a portion of a by-pass roadway on the Arborway.

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a service order to the Metropolitan Transit Authority for bus service to and from Boston and Woburn for the purpose of transporting children to the Cummings Estate in Woburn and return, in connection with a vegetable garden program for children of congested areas in the city. The cost is not to exceed $1500 and will be charged to "Randidge Trust Fund Income".

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a license to Edward E. Adams of the Mills Automatic Merchandising Corporation, 130 Broad Street, Boston, for the operation of weighing machines in some of the buildings of the Park Department for a period of one year from July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950, for the sum of $350.00.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Promotions:

Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., from Acting Chief Engineer to Chief Engineer, pending examination by Civil Service, with increase in salary from $4300 to $4900 per year. Effective June 15, 1949.

William B. Fitzgerald, Inspector. Placed in step-rate group with an immediate increase of $100 per year in salary and an increase of $100 per year until the maximum of $2800 per year is reached. Effective June 15, 1949.

A. Louise Kennedy and Kay Reid - Assistant Supervisors of Recreation. Placed in step-rate group with immediate increase of $100 per year and a yearly increase of $100 until they reach the maximum of $2500 yearly. Effective June 15.

John J. Shea, from Carpenter to Master Carpenter with increase in wages from $50.50 per week to $53.50 per week. Effective June 1, 1949.

Louis C. Kimpinsky)
John B. Gleason) - From laborer to painter with increase in wages from $44.50 to $50.50 per week for Kimpinsky, and $47.50 to $50.50 per week for Gleason. Effective May 4, 1949.

Appointment (Temp.)

Ernest Trowbridge as on-the-job trainee as a draftsman, at salary of $1900 per year, effective June 15, 1949.

Leave of Absence:

John F. O'Brien, Laborer. Renewal of leave of absence previously granted Mr. O'Brien to permit him to work as a crane operator in the Transit Department during the construction of the East Boston tunnel. Effective June 1, 1949 for six months.

Warren J. Mulrey, Gardening Laborer in Cemetery Division. Leave requested from May 11,to July 12, 1949, because of ill health.

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Personnel Matters (Cont.)

Retirements:

Anna V. Orth, Matron. Retired by Boston Retirement Board because of accidental disability, effective as of the close of business May 31, 1949.

Bridget T. Adley, Matron. Retired by Boston Retirement Board at age 70, effective as of May 31, 1949.

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LAND TRANSFER:

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston concur with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, in the sale to David Weiss of 3455 square feet of land on Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Boston, as shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Boston (West Roxbury District), Plan of land to be conveyed to David Weiss,--May 6, 1949, Benjamin W. Fink, Director of Park Engineering". This concurrence is required under the provisions of Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

CONTRACTS

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, June 23, 1949, for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Fitzgibbon & Doherty, 40 Empire Street, Allston......	$ 11,026.00
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	11,646.00
R. W. Balam, 10 High Street, Boston	11,713.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury...	11,960.00
Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	12,650.00
James D'Amico, Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester.....	13,250.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman Street, J. P.....	15,656.00
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park	17,550.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Fitzgibbon & Doherty, 40 Empire Street, Allston, for the approximate sum of $11,026.00, to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, Cemetery Division B-42.

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COUNCIL ORDERS:

The following City Council Order was called to the attention of the Board:
The City Council, on June 16, 1949, ordered that a sum of $8000 be appropriated for the acquisition of several plots of land adjacent to Fairview Cemetery in the Hyde Park District - for the enlargement and the beautification of the cemetery.
The order was approved by His Honor the Mayor on June 20, 1949.
This order was originated by the Mayor and submitted by him to the City Council on May 9, 1949.

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PERSONNEL:

Timothy J. Kelleher, 71 School Street, Jamaica Plain, a gardener in the Cemetery Division, last employed on December 16, 1947, was reinstated to his former position as of June 8, 1949. He had been absent because of illness. Effective date of reinstatement, June 14, 1949.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12 45 P.M.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

August 16, 1949

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10:15 a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

VOTED, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

Highland Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. - 1st payment, "Grading and Sanding Beaches, Boston, Massachusetts"		$4,694.71
Fred Ralston & Company - 2nd & final payment - "First Spraying of Elm Trees in Parks and on City Streets" ..		870.00
William J. Banfield, - 1st payment - "Cleaning the City of Boston Beaches"		1,440.92
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment - July 6, 1949,	Park Division....	420.44
	Cem. Division....	39.19
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - 2nd & final payment - "Water Supply, Grading and Improvements at Franklin Park Golf Course, West Roxbury, Mass."		552.15
Vulcan Construction Co., - 1st payment - "Asphalt Surfacing Arnold Arboretum, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"		2,015.93
Allied Engineering Corporation - 2nd payment - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House		2,100.00
C. J. Maney Co., Inc. - 1st payment - "Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs"		10,565.50
Baker & Company, Inc. - 2nd payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no maintenance guaranty"		4,881.91
Joseph J. Driscoll - 2nd payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Convenience Station for Women and Children which is to be erected on Boston Common"		600.00
Allied Engineering Corporation - 5th payment - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications, and Supervision required for Repairs to the Bird House at the Franklin Park Zoo", ...		786.39
Pearson Company, Inc. - 1st payment - "Furnishing and Erecting Steel Guard Rail at Francis Parkman Drive, Olmstead Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts		1,169.62
F. C. Dolan & Sons, - 4th & final payment - "Alterations to the Bird House, Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, Mass." . . .		6,480.40
William J. Banfield - 2nd payment, "Cleaning the City of Boston Beaches"		1,662.60
Paul J. Carrigan - Expenses of a trip to Amherst, Massachusetts, to attend a conference on Dutch Elm Disease at the State College, and to Bear Mountain Park and Jones Beach, N. Y., to attend New England Park Executives Quarterly Meeting, July 8,9,10,11, 1949		67.90
Fitzgibbon & Doherty - 1st payment - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury"..		3,542.80
C. J. Maney Co., Inc. - 2nd payment, "Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs"		1,589.50
P. J. Dinn & Co. - 1st payment - "Furnishing and Erecting a Wire Fence at the George H. Walker Playground, Dor."....		2,602.78
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment, - bill dated Aug. 3, 1949 ..	Park Div.	426.39
	Cem. Div.	36.95

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C. J. Maney Co.,Inc. - 2nd & final payment - "Reshaping, Grading, Resurfacing and Seeding the Playstead, Franklin Park, West Roxbury"	$ 1,500.00
Boston Edison Company - 1st & final estimate - "Furnishing and Installing Underground Conduits and Cable to Supply Electric Service to the Proposed Golf House at No. 1 Tee, Franklin Park, Boston"	3,097.05
A. Singarella & Son - 1st payment - "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester, Mass."	7,053.64

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VOTED, to approve the following permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

122 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one-family to three-family and doctors' offices. Request of Dr. P. A. Consales and Dr. J. F. Keane.

413-415 Commonwealth Ave.- Change occupancy to school. Convert two buildings into one. Request of Garland School.

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VOTED, to grant request of Convention Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce to erect an Information Booth on Boston Common.

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CONTRACTS:

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor to award service order to P. J. Dinn & Company, 278 Dover Street, Boston, for making special repairs and alterations to the animal ranges and the outdoor flying cage at Franklin Park Zoo. The total cost will amount to $1,489.00 and is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, July 14, 1949, for "Asphalt Surfacing, Union Street Playground, Brighton, Massachusetts", as follows:

Tufo & Yebba, Inc., 269 Hyde Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain...	$ 3,523.50
John McCourt Company, 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	3,620.00
F. C. Power Corporation, 353 Washington Street, Brighton...	4,065.30
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	4,378.00
Forest Hills Construction Co., 78 Woodlawn St., Jamaica Plain	4,555.00

VOTED, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, Tufo & Yebba, Inc., 269 Hyde Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $3,523.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, July 19, 1949, for "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Jamaicaway and Arborway, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Baker & Company, Inc., 3475 Washington St., Boston	10,165.00
Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston.....	10,326.50
John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	10,654.00
Warren Brothers Roads Co., 38 Memorial Drive, Cambridge ...	11,355.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	11,542.00
John P. Condon Corp., 105 Coolidge Hill Road, Watertown....	14,167.50

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Baker & Company, Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $10,165.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways, Revenue".

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Contracts (Cont.)

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, June 30, 1949, for "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Rossano Construction Co., Inc., 401 Border St., E.Boston...	$84,988.00
M. Solimando, 51 Ceylon Street, Dorchester	86,392.00
Jamaica Construction Co., 58 Arborway, Jamaica Plain.......	86,985.00
P. J. Cantwell & Son, 644 E. Fourth St., South Boston.....	91,142.00
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay St., Boston 25, Mass.	96,721.00
Federal Contracting Co., Inc., 294 Washington St., Boston..	97,638.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain....	106,854.00

VOTED, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, Rossano Construction Company, Inc., 401 Border Street, East Boston, for the approximate sum of $84,988.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "North Bennet Street Building, Restoration of".

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VOTED, to approve the award of a service order to S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for "Furnishing and Laying New 2 1/4" Type I Standard Specification Asphalt Walk, and other incidental work", in Chester Park, South End. There will be approximately 830 square yards of asphalt used at $1.50 per yard, and the incidental work will cost approximately $350.00. The total approximate cost will be $1,595.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, Revenue".

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VOTED, to approve the award of a service order to S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for doing necessary excavation work, catch basin work, granite curbing, artificial stone sidewalk, macadam base in roadway, and asphalt pavement in roadway, all in the vicinity of Arborway at South Street, Jamaica Plain, for the sum of $1,960.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways by Contract".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, July 26, 1949, for "Repairing and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

R. Tweed & Son, 499 Huntington Ave., Roxbury, Mass......	$3,475.00
John T. Bradley, 1357 Washington St., W. Newton, Mass...	5,925.00
Dorchester Plate & Window Glass Co., 270 Adams St., Dor..	9,915.00

VOTED, to approve the award of a contract to the lowest bidder, R. Tweed & Son, 499 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $3,475.00, to be charged to the regular budget appropriation "Park Department B-39".

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VOTED, to approve the issuance of a new license to Mr. James P. Hoar, 1662 Columbia Road, South Boston, for the refreshment privilege at the Head House, South Boston, for a period of five years commencing with the fifteenth day of December 1949 and ending on the fourteenth day of December 1954, at the rate of $1300.00 per year.

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time to C. J. Maney Company, Inc., 24 Dane Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, until September 1, 1949 for the completion of contract for "Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs".

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VOTED, to approve the following change in the contract of Fitzgibbon & Doherty, 40 Empire Street, Allston, for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", which was signed July 11, 1949, as follows:

> Under Item 2 - Furnish and set concrete liners approximately 86 inches in length with bottoms instead of concrete liners approximately 88 inches in length without bottoms, where directed by the engineer. All other dimensions and requirements to be as specified in the contract. For this change there will be no change in unit or contract price.

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CITY COUNCIL ORDERS

The City Council, on June 27, 1949, approved an order that all that part of Columbia Road, beginning at the intersection of Boston Street and Edward Everett Square and running to Blue Hill Avenue, now under the custody and control of the Board of Park Commissioners, be transferred to the care, custody and control of the Public Works Department.

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The City Council, on July 25, 1949, approved an order that in accordance with the provisions of Section 3B of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by Chapter 604 of the Acts of 1941, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for	To the appropriation for
Special appropriation Park and Playground Improvements, etc...$20,000.00	Special appropriation North Bennet Street Building, Restoration of $20,000.00

The foregoing transfer order was passed in accordance with and after the written recommendation of the Mayor to the City Council dated July 18, 1949.

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ACT OF LEGISLATURE

Chapter 305. An Act Requiring the Shoring of Certain Excavations

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 129, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section: Section 129A - On any construction or other project on which a trench is to be dug to a depth of eight feet or more, such trench, shall, if any person is to be required to enter or work therein and there is a possibility of a cave-in or collapse thereof, be shored and braced in such a manner as to prevent its caving in or collapsing. Any employer, or the officer or agent of any employer who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

This section shall apply also to any project being carried on by any city, town, county, or other subdivision of the commonwealth.

Approved May 13, 1949.

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PERSONNEL:

Approvals

John W. Hardiman, 49 Walford Way, Charlestown - change in rating from Physical Instructor to Physical Instructor-Equipment Inspector. No change in salary.

Emilio Seghezzi, 13 Batchelder St., Dorchester - laborer. Leave of absence from July 7, 1949 to October 7, 1949, because of illness.

Mrs. Ellen Haran, 7 Smith Street, Roxbury. Transferred from Hospital Department, rating Hospital Laundry Worker, $39.40 per week and meals, to the Park Department as matron at $41.17 per week. Effective July 22, 1949.

William J. McMackin to October 1, 1949, extension of leave of absence because of illness. Without pay.
William T. Clarke to September 19, 1949. Extension of leave of absence because of illness. Without pay.

Anthony F. Russo discharged as of the close of business August 9, 1949 because of continued absence from work without explanation. His present whereabouts are unknown.

Warren Mulrey, Cemetery Worker, retired under Veterans' Disability Act, at one-half annual salary. Effective August 16, 1949.

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The Board considered the request of Mrs. Frances Kaplan, of 124 Washington Street, Brighton, to erect an iron fence around the monument dedicated to the memory of her son, Stanley N. Kaplan who was killed during World War II. The monument is located on Commonwealth Avenue reservation just beyond Washington Street, Brighton.

VOTED, to disapprove Mrs. Kaplan's request as the Board feels that the present fence around the monument is ample protection and that a proper walk in front of the monument as a means of easy access to the car stop is preferable.

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VOTED, that in the absence of the Secretary and Chief Clerk, Arthur J. O'Keefe, on annual vacation, Miss Catherine M. Hughes be appointed acting secretary and chief clerk.

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LAND TRANSFERS:

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston concur with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through its Metropolitan District Commission in the sale to A. T. Realty Corporation, of 34,453 square feet of land on Old Colony Parkway, Boston, (Dorchester district) as shown on plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, Old Colony Parkway, Boston (Dorchester District). Plan of land to be conveyed to the A. T. Realty Corporation July 6, 1949. Benjamin W. Pink, Director of Park Engineering." Concurrence is requred under Section 85, Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

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VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston concur with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, in the taking from Ichabod Bunker and City of Boston, of 177,642 square feet of land on Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway (West Roxbury district) as shown on the plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway (West Roxbury District) Plan of taking from Ichabod Bunker and City of Boston April 5, 1949. Benjamin W. Fink, Director of Park Engineering".

Concurrence required under Section 79, Chapter 92.

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DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed the present rules and regulations of the Park Department relating to parks and then agreed to study the rules with the intention of recommending certain changes at the next meeting. A letter from the Police Commissioner was read to the Board relative to the park rules as they apply to Boston Common.

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The Board discussed a code of rules and regulations to govern the new swimming and diving pool in Charlestown. The Commissioners, having made a visit to the pool and surveyed the whole area, agreed to leave to the Chairman the matter of the formation of sensible rules and regulations and a time schedule for the pool.

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The Board discussed the matter of a recreation center and stadium in East Boston, as a result of a recent agreement signed by the Governor and the Mayor. No action was taken.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

September 12, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

LAND TRANSFERS:

The special purpose of this meeting was to bring before the Board of Park Commissioners the request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, that the city acting through the Mayor and the Park Commission take action on a transfer from the City of Boston to the Commonwealth of certain land in Franklin Park for use as a hospital site. The transfer is authorized under Chapter 770 of the Acts of 1949 entitled AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONVEY TO THE COMMONWEALTH, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, CERTAIN LAND ON MORTON STREET IN THE WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT OF SAID CITY AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION THEREON BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF A HOSPITAL FOR THE CARE OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC DISEASES/

After discussion of the matter, the Board

VOTED, that the conveyance, without consideration, of the following described parcel of land to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be and hereby is assented to, viz., the parcel of land situated on the northeasterly side of Morton Street in the West Roxbury District of the City of Boston, being a part of the estate known as Franklin Park, and bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by the proposed line of Morton Street, two dimensions: two hundred twenty-seven and 27/100 (227.27) feet and nine hundred fifty and 88/100 (950.88) feet;

Northwesterly by land of the City of Boston, two hundred ninety-eight and 6/100 (298.06) feet;

Northerly by land of the City of Boston, three hundred fifty-six and 74/100 (356.74) feet;

Northeasterly by the southwesterly proposed line of Circuit Drive, seven dimensions: Twenty-five and 14/100 (25.14) feet, one hundred fifty-three and 5/100 (153.05) feet, forty-six (46.00) feet, one hundred forty-four and 88/100 (144.88) feet, one hundred twenty-two and 25/100 (122.25) feet, two hundred three and 54/100 (203.54) feet, and two hundred ninety-three and 83/100 (293.83) feet:

Southeasterly by land of the City of Boston, four hundred fifty-eight and 15/100 (458.15) feet;

Containing five hundred sixty-five thousand, five hundred eighty-one (565,581) square feet, more or less.

The said parcel of land and all of the above measurements are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Franklin Park, Morton Street, West Roxbury, March 31, 1949, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".

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LAND TRANSFERS (Cont.)

VOTED, that the Board concur in a deed from the Commonwealth, through the Metropolitan District Commission, to Joseph F. White, Sr., of 198,863.59 square feet of land on Old Colony Parkway, Boston (Dorchester district). Concurrence required by Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

VOTED, that the Board concur in a deed from the Commonwealth, through the Metropolitan District Commission, to Edith E. Hennessey of 2435 square feet of land on Old Colony Parkway, Boston (Dorchester district). Concurrence required by Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

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PARKMAN FUND:

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $33,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$33,000.00.

PERMITS:

VOTED, to grant permission to the Boston Edison Company to maintain its existing pole line along the outside area of Castle Island, South Boston, at the location originally granted by the office of the Secretary of War under date of March 8, 1944 and as shown on plan submitted to the Park Department, and now under jurisdiction of the City of Boston Park Department.

CONTRACTS:

VOTED, to approve the granting of a license to Walter J. Phipps, 99 East Canton Street, Boston, for the golf professional's privilege at the Franklin Park Golf Course and the privilege to operate the golf shop in the Franklin Park Golf Course Building for a period of three years beginning May 1, 1949 to April 30, 1952, for the sum of $25.00 per year.

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VOTED, to approve the award of a contradt without publicly advertising for bids to the S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for the repair of parkways and roadways as designated by this department, at unit prices set forth in contract for same type of work with the Public Works Department, for a sum not to exceed $15,000, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on August 16, 1949, for "Construction of New Convenience Station for Women and Children, Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston........	$ 27,561.00
Peabody Construction Co., 27 Farragut Rd.,E.B....	28,600.00
Keystone Construction Co., 131 State St., Boston..	28,858.00
Martin J. Kelly, Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain	29,744.50
J. A. Singarella Co., 15 Bay Street, Dorchester,....	33,270.00

The amount of Mr. Racioppi's original bid of $27,561.00 was augmented by the following changes in two sub-bids:

Item 2 (e) Painting and Glazing. The lowest sub-bidder, Mr. Joseph G. Gazzola, asked and was granted permission to withdraw his bid of $695 for the reason that he had made an error in figuring the cost. The next lowest bid, from Mr. Max Cahn, was selected in the amount of $1610.

Item 2 (i) Electrical Work. The lowest sub-bidder on this item neglected to file a certified check and his bid was therefore

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rejected, leaving only one other bidder for this work. Invitation bids were called for and a low bid of $959.00 was received and accepted.

These changes increased the total amount of the contract from $27,561.00 to $28,976.00.

VOTED, to approve the award of a contract to Michael Racioppi for the Construction of New Convenience Station for Women and Children, Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts, at the augmented price of $28,976.00, same to be charged to the appropriation, "Construction of Buildings, Revenue".

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VOTED, to approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids to Daniel Russell Boiler Works, 83-105 Boston Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for "Repairs to No. 1 Boiler at the Cabot Street Bath House, Roxbury, Massachusetts", for a sum not to exceed $2600.00.

This contract includes work authorized under a service order dated May 13, 1949, and also new work on the boiler as recommended by the boiler inspector of the Travelers Insurance Company. The service order has been cancelled. Total of contract is for a sum not to exceed $2600, to be charged to budget item B-39.

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VOTED, to approve the award of a contract to Baker & Company, Inc., 3475 W Washington Street, Boston, for "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Riverway, Roxbury, Massachusetts", for an approximate sum of $3972.50, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways".

The reason for the award of this contract without advertising is that Baker & Company are now at work laying a new surface on the Jamaicaway and Arborway under a contract recently awarded them, under date of August 8, 1949. Unit prices in the newer contract are the same as in the one of August 8.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, August 23, 1949, for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts", as follows:

Fitzgibbon & Doherty, 40 Empire St., Allston	$ 5,200.00
Coleman-Doyle Co., Inc., 85 Centre St., Roxbury	5,212.50
Eastern Tree & Landscape Corp., 280 Bridge St., Dedham	5,287.50
Henry A. Morgan Co., 457 Stuart Street, Boston	5,950.00

VOTED, to approve award of a contract to the lowest bidder, Fitzgibbon & Doherty, 40 Empire Street, Allston, for the approximate sum of]5,200.00, to be charged to B-42 Park Department budget, Cemetery Division.

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VOTED, that an extension of time to October 31, 1949 on contract of A. Singarella & Son for "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester, be left to the discretion of the Chairman after he has had an opportunity to talk with the contractor regarding the possibility of finishing the work earlier than October 31.

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time to September 15, 1949 on contract of C. J. Maney Co., Inc., for "Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs".

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SPECIAL DRAFTS:

VOTED, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

Tufo & Yeba, Inc., 1st payment - "Asphalt Surfacing, Union Street Playground, Brighton, Massachusetts"	$ 2,903.06
The Thompson Lichtner Co., 2nd payment - "Professional Engineering Services on the Charlesgate West Bridge"	2,016.31
Baker & Co., Inc. - 1st payment, "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Jamaicaway and Arborway, West Roxbury, Mass."	8,230.46
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment, - dated 8.26.49, Park Div. ...... Cem. Div.	357.60 28.35
John Paramino - 2nd payment - "Designing and Erecting Monument to Commodore John Barry"	3,062.50

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

VOTED, to approve the following personnel changes:

Promotion of the following six physical instructors in this department to positions as Supervising Physical Instructors, at $3500 per year: William H. Cronan, James J. O'Brien, Frederick D. Byrnes, George T. Connell, Harry Robinson, and Frank H. Caswell.

Promotions:

John P. Nagle from Laborer-Chauffeur to Garage Floorman and
James T. Doherty, from Truck Chauffeur to Machinist,
both from $53.25 to $56.25 per week.

Michael J. Connolly, Scytheman to Gardener,
Angelo Butare, from Laborer to Gardener,
Frederick Durfee, from Laborer to Laborer-Chauffeur,
Robert I. Clark, from Laborer to Chauffeur,
all from $50.25 to $53.25 per week.

Robert P. Gill, Laborer to Chauffeur, $50.25 to $56.25 per week.

APPOINTMENTS;

Harold E. Whitcraft, 34 Logan Way, South Boston, and
Frank J. Caples, 6 Greylock Road, Allston, as Swimming Instructors at $2600 per year, effective August 24, 1949.

Edward C. O'Malley and Daniel J. Sheehan as third-class stationery engineers at $60.67 per week, effective August 24, 1949.

Robert A. Ramacorti and Emilio Rivera as first-class steam firemen at $60.67 per week, effective August 24, 1949.

Arthur J. Connerny as Contract Coordinator (provisional) at $3000 per year.

Transfers:

Mary J. Creeden as matron, from Boston City Hospital to Park Department at $41.17 per week, effective August 31, 1949.
Mrs. Margaret Rose as matron from Boston City Hospital to Park Department at $41.17 per week, effective September 14, 1949.
Matthew Ginnetty as laborer from Public Works Department to Park Department at $50.25 per week, effective September 14, 1949.
Pasquale Cardalisco, laborer, from Park Department to Public Works Department, effective August 31, 1949.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

The Board considered the first draft of revised Park Department rules and regulations. It was decided to take no action at this meeting but to discuss the matter at another meeting.

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The Board gave consideration to adopting some method of honoring the memory of the late James B. Shea, who was for many years an employee of the Park Department and at the time of his retirement, about 20 years ago, its Chairman. It was

VOTED, to name the circle at the entrance to Franklin Park, near Forest Hills Street and Morton Street, the "James B. Shea Circle", in memory of the former chairman of the Park Commission.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

Catherine M. Hughes
Acting Secretary

September 23, 1949.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held in this office today, September 23, at 10:30 A. M.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

The purpose of this special meeting was to consider the request of Richard A. Kelly, of 20 St. Margaret Street, Dorchester, for a new lease to replace the present one which terminates on April 30, 1952 for the premises opposite Marine Park, South Boston, known as the City Point Boat Landing.

As Mr. Kelly has been a satisfactory tenant and the rental he is paying is a fair amount, the Board

VOTED: To cancel the present lease held by Mr. Richard A. Kelly for the premises opposite Marine Park, South Boston, known as the City Point Boat Landing, said lease being for a term of five years terminating on April 30, 1952, and award to Mr. Kelly a new lease for the same premises, beginning October 1, 1949 and ending on September 30, 1954, at the same rental as in the current lease, $2100 per year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A. M.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

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October 7, 1949

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called today, to consider and act upon the transfer to the Metropolitan District Commission of the care and control of certain public bathing beaches and other property now under the control of the Board:

Time of meeting: 4 P. M.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy, Commissioner Joseph Lee, and Secretary Arthur J. O'Keefe, of the Board of Park Commissioners, and Mr. Kerr of the Law Department of the City of Boston.

Voted: to dispense with the reading of records of the previous meeting.

After considering the matter of the above-mentioned transfer of Park Department property, the Board

VOTED: To transfer these bathing beaches and other property, more fully described below, to the Metropolitan District Commission temporarily, under Chapter 92, Section 87, until full possession is taken by the Metropolitan District Commission under the provisions of Chapter 509 of the General Laws.

Following is a copy of the instrument of transfer executed today by the Board of Park Commissioners and the Metropolitan District Commission:

Transfer of Care and Control
of Certain Property
from
Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston
to
Metropolitan District Commission

THIS INSTRUMENT executed this seventh day of October, 1949, under General Laws (Ter.Ed.) c. 92, s. 87, by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston and the Metropolitan District Commission,

WITNESSETH

1. That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston does hereby transfer to the Metropolitan District Commission, and the Metropolitan District Commission does hereby accept from the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston the transfer of, the land shown in red on the three plans attached hereto, viz.:-

> "Plan of Land in South Boston Being Transferred to the Metropolitan District Commission by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston under General Laws (Ter.Ed.) c. 92, s. 87, on October 7, 1949",
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> "Plan of Land at Savin Hill, Dorchester, Being Transferred to the Metropolitan District Commission by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston under General Laws (Ter.Ed.) c. 92, s. 87, on October 7, 1949", and
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> "Plan of Land on Tenean Street, Dorchester, Being Transferred to the Metropolitan District Commission by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston under General Laws (Ter.Ed.) c. 92, s. 87, on October 7, 1949",

all of which plans have, for the purposes of identification, been subscribed by the Chairman of said Board and the Commissioner of said Commission;

2. That said transfer is for care and control, including police protection;

3. That said transfer shall take effect at 8:00 A. M. on Saturday, October 8, 1949;

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4. That said transfer shall continue in effect until some part of the land hereby transferred is acquired by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 509 of the Acts of 1949, at which time the transfer hereby effected shall, without further action of the Parties hereto, automatically terminate both as to that part of the land hereby transferred which is so acquired and as to any part of the land hereby transferred which is not so acquired; and

5. That it is mutually agreed that all expenses of the care and maintenance of the land and structures hereby transferred which shall be incurred during the period of transfer shall be borne and paid by the Metropolitan District Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument is executed the day and year first above written.

Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston

By John J. Murphy
Chairman

Joseph Lee

Metropolitan District Commission

By William D. Morrissey
Commissioner

Max Ulin
Associate Commissioner

Harold E. Stevens
Associate Commissioner

Edward McPartlin
Associate Commissioner

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The meeting was adjourned at 4.30 p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

October 25, 1949

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

William J. Banfield - 4th payment - "Cleaning the City of Boston Beaches"	$ 2,029.76
Vulcan Construction Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - "Asphalt Surfacing, Arnold Arboretum, West Roxbury, Mass."	355.75
Baker & Co., Inc. - 3rd & final payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty"	2,492.34
Rossano Construction Co., - 1st payment - "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston,Mass."	2,876.04
Allied Engineering Corp. - 3rd payment - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House",	71.90
William J. O'Brien, Director of Aquarium - "Expenses of Director during the collection of salt water exhibits at Woods Hole for display in the South Boston Aquarium, September 7 & 8, 1949,	39.00
Fitzgibbon & Doherty - 2nd payment - Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, W. Roxbury"	5,640.03
Pearson Company, Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - "Furnishing and Erecting Steel Guard Rail at Francis Parkman Drive, Olmstead Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"	206.39
P. J. Dinn & Co., - 2nd & final pmt. - "Furnishing and Erecting a Wire Fence at the George H. Walker Playground, Dorchester"	459.31
Baker & Co., Inc. - 1st payment - "Resurfacing Roadways and Walks in the Vicinity of Schoolboy Stadium, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"	17,284.75
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies in connection with their employment,-Oct. 7, 1949,	
Park Division	372.93
Cem. Division	79.47
S. J. Tomasello Corp., - 1st payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty"	12,750.00
R. Tweed & Son - 1st payment - "Repairing and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, W. Roxbury, Mass."	2,903.37
John Paramino - 3rd payment - "Designing and Erecting Monument to Commodore John Barry"	2,625.00
John E. White, Superintendent Baths, - "Expense allowed by Mayor in letter dated September 15, 1949 for purpose of attending convention in Detroit, Michigan, of American Institute of Park Executives, from Sept. 17 to 24,1949,	175.00
Paul J. Carrigan, General Foreman - "Expense allowed by Mayor in letter dated September 15, 1949 for purpose of attending convention in Detroit, Michigan, of American Institute of Park Executives, from Sept. 17 to 24, 1949,	175.00
Tufo & Yeba, Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - "Asphalt Surfacing, Union Street Playground, Brighton, Mass."	512.30
Allied Engineering Corporation - 4th pmt. - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House	486.21
Rossano Construction Co., Inc. - 2nd pmt. - "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston"	19,448.32

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VOTED: To approve request upon His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $20,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$20,000.00

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VOTED: To approve the following building permits referred to Park Department by the Building Department:

510 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from offices and laboratory to offices and habadashery store in basement, and work incidental thereto. Request of Mr. M. G. Brudno.

532 Commonwealth Avenue - New porcelain front as per plans filed. Request of N. H. Odd Fellows House.

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CONTRACTS:

VOTED: To approve the award of the following contracts:

Baker & Company, Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, - Approval of award of contract without advertising, for Resurfacing the Roadways and Walks in Franklin Park near the new George Robert White Schoolboy Stadium", at an estimated cost of $19,375.00, to be charged to "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue". The area is estimated at 15,500 yards at a cost of $1.25 per yard.

The reason for awarding the contract without advertising is that the work was of an emergency nature and had to be completed in time for the dedication of the Stadium on September 28, 1949. The existing roads were built many years ago for horse-drawn vehicles and were totally inadequate for motorized traffic of the present time.

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Boston Edison Co., 39 Boylston Street, Boston - Erect and place at designated locations on Boylston Street, from Charlesgate West to Park Drive, 9 - 16,000-lumen mercury lamps to replace the existing 8 - 10,000-lumen incandescent street lights. Also, erect higher concrete posts on which these lights are to be installed. The total cost will be $3370.00, charged to "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Lashua Portable Lighting Inc., 594 Washington Street, Stoughton, - Flood-lighting on eight playgrounds in various sections of the city where eight night football games will be held. The flood lighting system consists of mobile generators and 10 portable towers supporting six 500-watt field coverage. The cost is $200 per game, or a total of $1600 for the season. Charge to Budget Item B-42.

Lashua Portable Lighting Inc., 594 Washington Street, Stoughton, - Flood lighting an additional seven playgrounds for night football games, at a cost of $200 per location or a total of $1400.00. Charge to Budget Item B-42.

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P. J. Riley & Co., 295 Highland Street, Roxbury - "Furnishing and Installing New Water Main to the Franklin Field Locker Building", at a cost of $1,600. Charged to B-39 Park Department budget, - Service Order.

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Fred Ralston & Company, 337 Washington Street, Brighton - Award of contract without advertising, to Fred Ralston & Company for the removal of dead elm trees in all sections of the city, for an amount not to exceed $14,000. There are approximately 225 trees afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease in the city. This amount of money will cover the cost of removal of approximately 140 trees, which is all the work that can be done at the present time owing to insufficient funds to complete the work.

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CONTRACTS (Cont.)

William P. Herlihy - "Filling, Grading, and Gravel Walks at Jamaica Pond, Olmstead Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts": Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on October 7, 1949, as follows:

William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	$ 15,200.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford Street	15,715.00
James D'Amico Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	18,150.00
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park	19,625.00
Coleman-Doyle Company, 85 Centre Street, Roxbury	21,400.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jam. Plain .	22,805.00

VOTED: To award a contract to the lowest bidder, William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge, for the approximate sum of $15,200, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Baker & Co., Inc. - "Asphalt Surfacing of Walks, Franklin Park Zoo, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"; Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, October 11, 1949, at 2 o'clock p.m., for "Asphalt Surfacing of Walks, Franklin Park Zoo, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jamaica Plain..	$ 17,635.00
James A. Susi, 103 Providence St., Hyde Park	17,985.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	18,430.00
Cronin & Horigan, Inc., 111 Woodhaven St., Mattapan....	19,775.00
Adams Asphalt Co., 53 Blanche Street, Cambridge	21,835.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury	23,885.00

VOTED: To award a contract to the lowest bidder, Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $17,635.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Rossano Construction Co., 401 Border Street, East Boston.

VOTED: To approve changes in contract of Rossano Construction Company for "Alterations to the North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston, Mass.", as per order dated October 5, 1949. Changes to be made in unglazed terra cotta blocks, also in grading of front entrance granolithic steps, and in plumbing work. No change in contract price.

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Rossano Construction Co., 401 Border Street, East Boston.

VOTED: To approve changes in contract of Rossano Construction Co., 401 Border Street, East Boston, for "Electrical Work at the North Bennet Street Bath House," as per order dated October 7, 1949, for the sum of $1711.14. Total of contract now $86,699.14.

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Thompson Lichtner Company - Under date of April 27, 1949, Thompson Lichtner Company was engaged to furnish Professional Engineering Services on Repairs to Charlesgate West Bridge, at a cost of $3500. Because of the long delay in the work and because of conditions that were encountered as the work progressed but which were not known at the time the contract was made, the firm has lost money. Accordingly, it was

VOTED, to allow this company an additional amount of $1500 for professional services, to be charged to the appropriation, "Park Department, Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs".

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R. Tweed & Son, 499 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury.

VOTED, to grant an extension of time to October 1, 1949, on contract for "Repairing and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, W. Roxbury, Massachusetts".

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A. Singarella & Son, 22A Tremlett Street, Dorchester -

VOTED, to grant an extension of time on contract of A. Singarella & Son, 22A Tremlett Street, Dorchester, to October 31, 1949, for "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester, Massachusetts".

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NAMING OF PLOT OF LAND.

The Board considered the request of Councillor Edmund V. Lane that the plot of land in front of St. Ignatius Church at Lake Street and Commonwealth Avenue, in Ward 21, be named in honor of Lieutenant William E. Boyden, Jr., who died in the service of his country on December 8, 1944, in World War II while leading an element of P-47 type aircraft in an armed mission over Germany.

VOTED, that the matter of naming this plot of land be laid on the table until the Board has had an opportunity for futher discussion and decision regarding the proposed general rule for naming parks and playgrounds, which had previously been discussed at board meetings on February 23, March 23, and April 4, 1949.

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LAND TRANSFERS

The Board considered the request of The City of Boston--George Robert White Fund acting by and through the Trustees, that the City of Boston transfer approximately 59,770 square feet of land situated at North End Beach, Boston Proper, to the George Robert White Fund Trustees for the purpose of establishment of a swimming pool and diving pool. It was

> VOTED, That a site of land containing approximately 59,770 square feet situated at North End Beach, Boston Proper, and shown on plan marked "City of Boston, Commercial Street, North End Beach, Boston Proper, Sept. 19, 1949, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department," be transferred to the City of Boston--George Robert White Fund for the purpose of establishment of a Swimming Pool and Diving Pool and that the offer of the City of Boston--George Robert White Fund of the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6000) be accepted as fair cash value of said land. CHECK. RECEIVED
> DEPOSITED. CITY. COLLECTOR - 12/15/49
> "SALE-OF-CITY-LANDS"

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The Board considered the request of the City of Boston--Overseers of the Public Welfare, acting as a department of the City of Boston, for the transfer to its custody of certain land on Tremont Street in the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, and it was

VOTED, That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 803 of the Acts of 1949, the parcel of land hereinafter described be and the same hereby is transferred from the control and charge of the Park Department of the City of Boston to the control and charge of the Overseers of the Public Welfare, acting as a department of the City of Boston, for the purposes of the Public Welfare Department of the City of Boston, viz., a certain parcel of land situated on the northeasterly side of Tremont Street in the Roxbury District of the City of Boston bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly	by Tremont Street by two dimensions sixty-four and 41/100 (64.41) feet and thirty-nine and 93/100 (39.93) feet;
Northwesterly	by land of the City of Boston one hundred forty-one and 34/100 (141.34) feet;
Northeasterly	by land of the City of Boston (Mission Hill Playground) one hundred and 40/100 (100.40) feet;

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Southeasterly by lands of the Boston Housing Authority, Pius B. Moritz and Ruth E. Hallberg by two measurements of eighty-two and 81/100 (82.81) feet and forty-nine and 33/100 (49.33) feet.

Containing thirteen thousand seven hundred thirty-seven (13,737) square feet of land, more or less.

The above parcel of land, together with its location and dimensions, is shown on a plan marked, "City of Boston, Tremont Street, Roxbury, July 25, 1949, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".

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RENEWAL OF LEASE

VOTED, To renew the lease held by Vernon L. Hart for the property located off Freeport Street, Dorchester, known as Malloch's Wharf, which expires on October 31, 1949, for a further term of five years from November 1, 1949, at an annual rental of $160.00.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Appointments:

Milton L. Alleyne, 17 Hollander Street, Roxbury, and Philip F. Hackett, 14 Burr Street, Jamaica Plain, as first-class steam firemen at $60.67 per week, effective September 14, 1949.

Christopher M. Murphy, 910 Broadway, South Boston as third-class stationary engineer at $60.67 per week, effective September 28, 1949.

Margaret J. Devin, 83 Regent Street, Roxbury; Anna H. Curley, 279 Gold Street, South Boston, and Ellen R. Desmond, 348 W. Third Street, South Boston, as matrons at $41.17 per week, effective September 28, 1949.

Emil E. VonDrewitz, 235 Forest Hill Street, Jamaica Plain, as Zoo Attendant at $53.25 per week, effective October 5, 1949.

John T. Landry, 85 Stoughton Street, Dorchester, as Swimming Instructor at $2600 per year, effective October 3, 1949.

Salary Increase:

Patrick Cogavin, 7 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, and Patrick Connor, 136 W. Concord Street, Boston, gardeners, from $53.25 to $56.25 per week.

Leave of Absence:

William T. Clarke, 2 Bush Street, Boston, laborer at $50.25. Confined to State Hospital.

Bridget A. Jordan, 4 Adams Street, Charlestown--matron. Leave requested to visit Ireland.

Frederick J. DeCosta, 595 East 4th Street, South Boston--laborer at $50.25 per week. Leave for six months to attend classes in tree work at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, under the Veterans G. I. Bill of Rights.

William B. O'Sullivan, 399a Broadway, South Boston--laborer at $50.25 per week. Leave for six months to attend classes in tree work at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, under the Veterans G. I. Bill of Rights.

James F. Nolan--first class fireman at $60.67 per week. Leave in order to visit ill mother in Ireland. Three months from November 1, 1949.

Emil Seghezzi, 13 Batchelder Street, Dorchester--laborer at $50.25 per week. Continued leave because of serious illness, from October 8, 1949 to January 7, 1950.

John F. O'Brien, 64 Cohasset Street, Roslindale. Continued leave to permit him to work as crane operator in Transit Department during construction of the East Boston tunnel. Effective December 1, 1949.

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Reinstatement

William J. McMackin, 32 Pilsudski Street, South Boston--tree climber at $53.25 per week. Absent since June 2, 1948 because of illness. Reinstatement effective October 5, 1949.

Retirement

Nellie M. Burns, matron. Retired under provisions of Ch. 521 of Acts of 1922. Effective September 29, 1949.

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The Board discussed the revised rules and regulations of the Park Department and it was VOTED, that before adopting these revised rules they be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion and that the Corporation Counsel be requested to assign one of his assistants to meet with the Board at one of its meetings for the purpose of advising the members on certain legal aspects of the proposed rules.

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The Board discussed certain recommendations for the Park Department which were contained in the recent report of the Finance Commission survey of city departments, and it was VOTED, that the matter be laid on the table for further discussion and decision as to the course of action to be adopted.

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The meeting was adjourned at

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

November 23, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 10.50 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Baker & Co., Inc. - 1st pmt. - "Resurfacing Roadways and Walks in Vicinity of Schoolboy Stadium, Franklin Park, West Roxbury"	$ 16,468.75
Baker & Co., Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Jamaicaway and Arborway, W. Roxbury"	1,452.43
Fitzgibbon & Doherty - 1st pmt. - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park"	2,808.31
A. Singarella & Son - 2nd pmt. - "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester"	20,461.81
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for miscellaneous expenses in connection with their employment 11.3.49..Park Div...	392.28
Cem. Div...	45.95
Allied Engineering Corporation - Fifth Pmt. - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House,	610.87
Rossano Construction Co. - Third pmt. - "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston, Mass."	24,434.75
Daniel Russell Boiler Works - 1st pmt. - "Repairs to No. 1 Boiler at the Cabot Street Bath House, Roxbury, Mass."	2,210.00

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William J. Banfield - Fifth & final pmt. - "Cleaning of the City of Boston Beaches"	$ 1,199.27
The Thompson Lichtner Co., Inc. - Third & final pmt. - "Professional Engineering Services on the Charlesgate West Bridge"	2,044.06

RE:

SALE OF LAND--COMMONWEALTH & CHESTNUT HILL AVENUES

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on January 13, 1948, notice was given that a public auction sale would be held on January 27, 1948, at 11 a. m., at which parcels of property held by the City of Boston Park Department would be offered for sale. Among these was the parcel located on the northeast corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Chestnut Hill Avenue, in the Brighton district, containing approximately 66,762 square feet, which was to be offered for sale at an upset price of $110,000.

At the time of the auction Mr. Myer H. Slobodkin made a bid of $110,000, as agent, and deposited a check for $15,000 with the Park Department office, in accordance with the terms of said sale. Later, at various times, Mr. Slobodkin in communications to the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners stated that he did not wish to proceed with the purchase of the land and asked refund of his check for $15,000.

At the Board meeting held today, November 23, 1949, the Board considered Mr. Slobodkin's request for the return of his check. The Board being of the opinion that this land is no longer needed for park purposes and that further litigation could delay its ultimate sale to a private buyer with consequent loss of tax revenue to the city treasury,

> VOTED: That the Board of Park Commissioners stands ready to accept custody of said land for continued care by the Park Department in the same manner as exercised prior to January 20, 1948, including renewed efforts to find a purchaser, in the event that the certified check for $15,000 given by Mr. Myer Slobodkin is returned to him by due legal authorization, to which the Board of Park Commissioners has no objection.

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ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

VOTED, approval of a request on His Honor the Mayor for permission to exchange with Mr. Roland Lindemann of the Lindemann Wild Animal Company, Catskill, Game Farm, two Fallow Deer and a Barasingha Deer valued at $300, from our surplus stock, for two Emus and two Caracal Sheep valued at $450.00 from Mr. Lindemann's stock.

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BUILDING PERMITS

VOTED, to approve the following building permits referred to Park Department by Building Department:

300 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family to three families. Request of Geo. J. Colantino.
302 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family to six apartments. Request of Sarah K. Gardner.
481 & 483 Commonwealth Avenue - Erect connecting balconies. Request of Leo Sharmat.

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PARKMAN FUND

VOTED, to request His Honor the Mayor for transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund of the sum of $38,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$ 38,000.00

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CONTRACTS:

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the Park Department office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, for "Furnishing and Laying Water Pipe at the Walter F. Cassidy Playground, Cleveland Circle, Brighton, Massachusetts", as follows:

Forest Hills Construction Co., 76 Woodlawn St., J. P.	$ 1,476.00
R. A. Buccella & Sons, Inc., 20 Cedar Park, Roxbury	1,632.00
P. Murphy & Son, 9 Craig Place, Brookline	1,905.00
Robert A. LaCentra Co., 57 Washington St., North, Boston...	2,848.80

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Forest Hills Construction Company, 78 Woodlawn Street, Jamaica Plain, in the amount of $ 476.00, and because the bid is less than $2000, said award is to be in the form of a service order and charged to special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

PERSONNEL:

Transfer - Thomas H. Dacey, laborer, from City of Quincy Public Works Department at $50.75 per week to City of Boston Park Department as laborer at $50.25 per week.

Reinstatement - Patrick J. Ryan, Assistant Director of Recreation. Mr. Ryan has returned from active duty with the United States Navy. Reinstatement effective November 2, 1949.

Leave of absence - Mrs. Kathleen Caswell granted leave for period of three months beginning November 8, 1949, because of serious illness.

Leave of absence - Karle E. Hill for period of one month beginning November 30, 1949, because of ill health.

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LEASE

The Board considered the written request of Mr. John P. Burke, the lessee of the refreshment privilege at the Refectory Building in Franklin Park, which privilege also includes the sale of refreshments from two wooden booths located within the grounds of the Zoological Garden, that the term of his present five-yea lease which runs to September 30, 1951 be extended for a period of three years to September 30, 1954, at the same rental he is now paying, $5000 per year.

Under the present lease the city assumes the responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the Refectory Building and the booths. The booths are in need of extensive repairs and improvements, the estimated cost of which is $2500.00

Mr. Burke agrees to make these repairs at his own expense and to pay a rental of $2500 per year during the term of the lease, in return for a new lease with a three-year extension of the term.

The board therefore
VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to extend the present lease for a term of three years at the same rental of $5000 per year, with the obligation upon Mr. Burke to make the improvements as stated above.

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VOTED, to approve the award of a service order, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Caproni Galleries of Amedeo Inc., for the erection of an outdoor Nativity Scene on Boston Common to remain during the Christmas season, at a cost of $1650.00. Charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

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Land Transfer

An order of the City Council was read for the information of the Board, said order being passed by the City Council on October 31, 1949 and again on November 14, 1949, and approved by the Mayor on November 16, 1949, for the purpose of transferring certain land at North End Beach to the George Robert White Fund and accepting an offer of $6000 as fair cash value of the land.

The Board of Park Commissioners vote on this matter is recorded in Board meeting held on October 25, 1949.

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VOTED, to grant a service order to Henry Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston, for a sum not to exceed $1900, for rebuilding and resurfacing that portion of Commonwealth Avenue in front of the Boston University Chapel which was left in very poor condition by the closing off and discontinuance of a portion of St. Mary's Street as a public highway and its subsequent use as a site for the University Chapel.

The amount of the order is to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways".

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VOTED, to remove the temporary War Memorial from Boston Common, for the reason that a permanent memorial has been erected in the Fens bearing the names of all veterans from Boston who died in the service of their country during World War II.

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VOTED, that the Board request the Director of Civil Service to hold an examination for the purpose of establishing a list of eligible applicants for the position of "Public Boating Manager", in order that the position may be filled on a permanent basis.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

December 9, 1949.

At a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on the ninth day of December 1949, the secretary being absent but a quorum being present and voting, it was unanimously

> VOTED: That the intervening strip of park land which is contiguous on the east side to the Lawrence Basin, which area has been recently purchased from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the Trustees of Boston College and bounded on the west by the land of Boston College, known as the Heights, has no further park use, nor is it suitable or adaptable for any public use or purpose within the scope of the authority of this Board, and further in view of the fact that for all practical purposes this isolated strip of land would redound greatly to the purposes of Boston College and so little to other parties that it is recommended that this land be sold at private sale to Boston College at a fair appraisal price, and further that the Mayor be advised of this action, and further that said Board surrenders the care, custody and maintenance of this strip of land for any park purpose.

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The Board discussed and voted approval of entering into an agreement, taking the place of the last similar agreement, with Motor Park Inc., with respect to the Boston Common Garage, said agreement to expire on July 1, 1950.

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Chairman

Joseph Lee

See agreement
Boston Common Garage
file dated 12/9/49.

December 20, 1949.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.15 a. m.

Present: Chairman John J. Murphy and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

William P. Herlihy - 1st payment. "Filling, Grading and Gravel Walks at Jamaica Pond, Olmstead Park, W. Roxbury..	$ 4,445.50
R. Tweed & Son - Second and final pmt. - "Repairing and Painting Greenhousesm Franklin Park, W. Roxbury"	512.36
Fred Ralston & Co., - 1st pmt. - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston"	5,556.19
A. Singarella & Son, - Third pmt. - "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dorchester"	3,742.34
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Amount paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment .... Park Division....	403.28
Cem. Division....	34.03
Baker & Company - 1st & final pmt. - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Riverway, Roxbury, Massachusetts"	3,776.85
Michael Racioppi - 1st pmt. - "Construction of New Convenience Station for Women and Children, Boston Common, Boston",...	4,860.00
Joseph J. Driscoll - 3rd payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Convenience Station for Women and Children which is to be erected on Boston Common"	63.18
Baker & Co., Inc. - Second & final pmt. - "Resurfacing Roadways and Walks in Vicinity of Schoolboy Stadium, Franklin Park, W. Roxbury"	2,906.25
S. J. Tomasello Corp. - Second and final payment - "Resurfacing or Repairing with Sheet Asphalt the Pavement in any Park Roadway upon which there is no Maintenance Guaranty",....	2,250.00
John Paramino - Fourth & final pmt. - "Designing and Erecting Monument to Commodore John Barry"	1,312.50
Allied Engineering Corporation - 6th pmt. - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House"	257.63
Rossano Construction Co., Inc. - 4th pmt. - "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston,Mass."...	10,305.16
C. J. Maney Co., Inc. - 4th & final pmt. - "Charlesgate West Bridge, Alterations and Repairs"	46,852.77
Daniel Russell Boiler Works - 2nd & final pmt. - "Repairs to No. 1 Boiler at the Cabot Street Bath House, Roxbury"....	390.00

Building Permits: It was voted to approve the following permits referred to this department by the Building Department:

295 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from eleven apartments to twelve apartments .
1220 Boylston Street - Erect service station as per plans filed.

Parkman Fund:

Voted to approve a request upon His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $7,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of, ...$ 7,000.00 12.1.49
9,401.93 12.13.49

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Contracts:

Voted, to approve the issuance of a service order to Dorgan Electrical Company, Inc., 587 Broadway, South Boston, for all electrical work in connection with lighting of Christmas Tree on Boston Common and electrical display on the Parkman Bandstand, all for the sum of $989.00.

Voted, to approve the issuance of a service order to Boston Edison Company for furnishing and installing underground conduits and cable to supply alternating current electrical service to the proposed convenience station on Boston Common, at a cost of $1495.00.

Voted, to approve an extension of time to June 1, 1950 on contract of Baker & Co., Inc., for "Asphalt Surfacing of Walks, Franklin Park Zoo, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

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Licenses & Permits

Voted, to approve the granting of a license to James Callahan, 50 Decatur Street, Charlestown, to furnish and sell refreshments and candies, ice cream, tonic, cigars and tobacco, etc., from a refreshment booth located in the upper section of the building adjacent to the George Robert White Swimming Pool, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown, for a term of three years from November 15, 1948 to November 14, 1952, for the sum of $50 per year.

Voted, to approve the granting of a license to Mr. Benjamin White to place two signs of white plastic with the lettering "Restaurant and Lounge, over the present canopy and over the limits of the property at 84 Beacon Street, Boston, said property being known as Hampshire House. No other signs are allowed on the building.

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Purchase of Land, Transfers, etc.

The Board considered a request from Alexander S. Beal of 209 Washington Street, Boston, regarding the possibility of the purchase of Park Department land comprising a vacant undeveloped area of approximately 5962 square feet lying southerly of Harrison Avenue, between East Dedham and East Canton Streets.

The Board assigned a department engineer to make a survey of the land with a view to determining its value in the future development of park and play areas, before making a decision on Mr. Beal's request. The matter will be considered again at a future meeting.

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The Board considered the request of Rabbi Joseph Shubow of the Bnai Moshe Temple, Brighton, for purchase of land opposite the Temple for use as a public park at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue, Chiswick Road and Sidlaw Road. The land contains about 25,000 square feet.

The Board voted to defer further action without prejudice until subsequent action on the request is taken by the City Council.

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The Board read and recorded a notice from the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare that at its meeting on Monday, November 21, 1949, it voted to accept the transfer of certain land on Tremont Street in the City of Boston from the Park Department to the Public Welfare Department. This land is in the Roxbury district of the City of Boston and is shown on plan marked, "City of Boston, Tremont Street, Roxbury, July 25, 1949, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".

The Board of Park Commissioners voted to transfer this parcel of land at its meeting on October 25, 1949 to the care and custody of the Overseers of the Public Welfare Department.

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Personnel Matters:

Voted to approve,

Leave of Absence for George H. Ryan, 576 East Third Street, South Boston, laborer at $50.25, for a period of six months from December 20, 1949 for the purpose of trying a new position in the Fire Department before resigning his position in the Park Department. Mr. Ryan is a disabled veteran and wishes to determine whether he is physically able to fill the duties in the new job.

Reinstatement of John F. O'Brien, 54 Forest Hills Street, laborer at $50.25 per week. He had been on temporary transfer to the Transit Department as a crane operator during the building of the East Boston tunnel. Effective December 28, 1949.

Increase in wages for John F. Hurley, Martin J. Mannion, and James D. Carroll, gardeners, from $53.25 to $56.25 per week in order to put them into the same pay scale as other gardeners in the department.

Reinstatement of Bridget A. Jordan, matron, after a three-months' leave of absence, December 1, 1949.

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Miscellaneous:

Voted, to approve and submit the annual budgets for the Park and Cemetery divisions of the department for the year 1950. The Park division budget totals $2,901,766.73, and the Cemetery division, $335,967.71. These figures may be reduced by using the income of the Parkman Fund for Park Department payrolls and the General Cemetery Fund and Cemetery Trust Funds for Cemetery Division payrolls.

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Retirement of Chairman

Voted, that it is with regret that the Board accepts the request of Chairman John J. Murphy for retirement under the Veterans' Retirement Act, to become effective as of December 31, 1949. The Board wants it officially spread upon the records that they have a full appreciation of the 37 years' service rendered by Chairman Murphy in various capacities in the department and firmly believes that he is deserving of the commendation not only of the employees of the Park Department who have worked during these many years with him, but also of the citizens of Boston for whom he has rendered honorable and meritorious service. The Board extends to him their felicitations and the wish that he may have many years of health and happiness.

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Voted, that during the interim between the retirement of Mr. John J. Murphy as Chairman of the Park Commission on December 31, 1949 and the appointment of a new Chairman by the incoming mayor, Mr. John B. Hynes, that either Commissioner Theodore C. Haffenreffer or Commissioner Joseph Lee, whichever is available, be authorized to serve as acting chairman of the Board with authority to sign payrolls and other necessary papers for the proper conduct of the department business, and that he be further authorized to sign drafts, vouchers and other necessary papers having to do with any unfinished business for the year 1949, between December 31, 1949 and the closing date in January 1950 for the transaction of such unfinished business.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p. m.

Secretary

January 11, 1950.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11.15 o'clock a. m.

It was immediately called to the attention of Commissioners Haffenreffer and Lee that official notice had been received from the office of the City Clerk that Mr. Frank R. Kelley had been duly appointed by the Mayor to be Park Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1952 and that he had been duly sworn on January 3, 1950.

It was then voted,

> That Frank R. Kelley be chosen Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners and that he be empowered to sign all contracts and leases and such other papers that may come before the Park Department for the proper conduct of the business of the department, for the period from January 3, 1950 to the end of his term on April 30, 1952 and that notice of this vote be sent to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston and the Auditor of the City of Boston.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

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The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Fred Ralston & Co., - Second payment - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston"	$6,343.81
A. Singarella & Son - 4th and final payment - "Filling, Loam and Drainage at William H. Garvey Playground, Dor."..	5,682.82
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park Department employees for expenses in connection with their employemtn	459.96

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Personnel Matters:

Voted to approve reinstatement of Emilio Seghezzi to his position as laborer in this department at $50.25 per week, effective as of January 8, 1950. Mr. Seghezzi had been on leave of absence since July 7, 1948 because of serious illness.

Retirements: John E. Mulrey, section, and Freeman A. Perkins, engineer, employed in Cemetery Division, retired as of December 31, 1949 by Boston Retirement Board.

Death: John J. Foley, assistant secretary of Park Department, on December 31, 1949. The Board voted to send to Mrs. Ruth Foley a letter of sympathy on the death of her husband and appreciation of his loyalty and devotion toduty during his service as assistant secretary of the department.

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Contracts:

Voted to approve:-Extension of time to April 25, 1950 from December 31, 1949 on contract of William P. Herlihy for "Filling, Grading and Gravel Walks at Jamaica Pond.

Voted to approve: - Extension of time to April 15, 1950 from January 5, 1950 on contract of Michael Racioppi for "Construction of a New Convenience Station on Boston Common".

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The Board discussed the possible widening of Tremont Street by taking twelve feet of the sidewalk on the Common side of Tremont Street, and also a further widening by removing the large subway entrances and exits and erecting smaller ones.

Voted, that this matter be laid on the table until the next meeting and that, in the meantime, the Chairman will discuss it with the Mayor.

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The Board considered the matter of granting permits for the sale of refreshments such as ice cream, soft drinks, etc., on Boston Common, and it was

Voted: That the Board go on record as favoring the policy of preserving the surface of Boston Common and the Public Garden for beauty, exercise or relaxation and for appropriate assemblies and celebrations at suitable locations, and to permit no sale of ice cream, soft drinks or other merchandise on these areas.

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A lengthy discussion was held on matters pertaining to the Cummings Estate property in Woburn. The Board discussed the will of Mrs. Cummings and the income of the estate and how it is derived. At the present time there is approximately $64,000 in the Cummings Fund income and the Board has decided to consider the possibility of extending the children's garden program during the summer so as to take in more groups and also the matter of construction of proper sanitary facilities for the children.

The Board voted that the maximum salary of the custodian shall be $1800.00 per year beginning January 1, 1950.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

March 6, 1950.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called today, to consider the request of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, made through Mr. P. H. Kitfield, Chief Engineer, for easement rights through the John J. Ryan Playground for the purpose of providing drainage facilities in the Charlestown district, required because of a road building program.

The Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, had previously requested and received the approval of the Mayor of Boston acting under authority granted by Ch. 416, Acts of 1943, to lay out and alter sections of road in the City of Boston, in the Charlestown district, in connection with the depressed highway, to provide facilities for the Charlestown-Everett traffic. A sump pump is to be constructed adjacent to the depressed highway for the purpose of outletting under pressure the surface water drainage that accumulates in the drainage system of this lower level roadway. An outlet is to be provided from the sump pump to the Mystic River. In order to construct this outlet pipe, it is necessary to secure an easement right through the John J. Ryan Playground, from the City of Boston Park Department.

The Board therefore

VOTED, to grant to the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, an easement through the John J. Ryan Playground for drainage purposes as described above and as shown on plan submitted by the Department of Public Works entitled, "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Plan of Road in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, Showing Location of Easement for Drainage Taken in Behalf of the City by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. P. H. Kitfield, Chief Engineer".

Present and voting at this meeting were the Chairman, Mr. Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Arthur J. O'Keefe

Arthur J. O'Keefe,
Secretary

March 14, 1950

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 2.30 p. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of minutes of previous meeting.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Rossano Construction Co., Inc. - 5th payment - "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bathhouse, North End, Boston, Massachusetts",	$ 6,247.62
Allied Engineering Corporation, - 7th payment - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House",	156.19
William P. Herlihy, - 2nd payment - "Filling, Grading and Gravel Walks at Jamaica Pond, Olmstead Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts",	3,662.87
Michael Racioppi, - 2nd payment - "Construction of New Convenience Station for Women and Children, Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts",	8,955.00
Joseph J. Driscoll, - 4th payment - "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Convenience Station for Women and Children which is to be erected on Boston Common",	116.42
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies in connection with their employment, Feb. 6, 1950, Park Div.	393.40
Cem. Div.	39.63
Fitzgibbon & Doherty, - 3rd estimate - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury,"..	1,620.49
Rossano Construction Co., Inc., - 6th payment - "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston",..	6,859.66
Allied Engineering Corporation, - 8th payment - "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House"..	171.49
Fred Ralston & Company, - 3rd & final pmt. - "Removal of Dead Elm Trees in the City of Boston",	2,100.00
Frank R. Kelley, Chairman)	29.50
William M. Mullen,)	28.25
D. Fred Hurley,)	29.85
Expenses incurred on trip to New York in connection with Boston Park Department--New York Park Department junior championship basketball game held at the 69th Regiment Armory, New York City, Saturday, February 25, 1950.	
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies in connection with their employment,......March 8, 1950,....Park Division,..	309.58
Cem. Division...	42.57

Building Permits

The following building permits were referred by the Building Department to the Park Department for approval:

172 Commonwealth Avenue	-	Change occupancy from rooming house to nine apartments. Request of Delillus.
205 Commonwealth Avenue	-	Change occupancy from school to clinic and doctors' offices. Request of Duncanbury School of Arts, Inc.
386 Commonwealth Avenue	-	Change occupancy from fourteen to eighteen apartments. Request of Bardol Trust.

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178 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family to eight families. Request of Roy Frank Kipp.
216 Commonwealth Avenue - Alterations to balconies in front of building. Request of J. F. Porter.

All the above permits were approved with the exception of 216 Commonwealth Avenue. This permit will be granted provided the ladder on the contemplated fire-escape from the third floor to the fourth floor is eliminated. Engineer Daniel J. Byrne is to talk with the contractor and request a new sketch of the alteration.

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Contracts:

VOTED, to approve the award of a contract without publicly advertising for bids, to Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, for the removal of approximately 106 trees in the city where directed, said trees being afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease.

The work is to be done on the basis of allowable rates per hour for tree men and $1.00 per hour for a one-half-ton truck with driver, and other necessary equipment at the regular city rates. The cost of the work under this contract is not to exceed $10,000 and is to be charged to B-42 in the Park Department budget.

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VOTED, to approve a change in contract with Rossano Construction Company for alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, as follows, - said changes being ordered by the Allied Engineering Corporation, architects employed on the work:

> Reduce contract price by the sum of $374.83, which is the amount of Change Order No. 4 and is the difference in cost of hardware supplied ($2625.17) from the estimated cost in contract($3000.00), -

Original Contract Price	$ 84,988.00
Increase approved Oct. 31 for Change Order No. 2,	1,711.14
Revised contract price	$86,699.14
Less contract price	374.83
Contract Now Standing	$86,324.31

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RE: North Bennet Street Bath House: Mr. Kelley stated to the Board that he visited the North Bennet Street Bath House since all the new work has been completed under the above contract and that he found vandals had already damaged the interior of the building. Gratings on windows had been broken, hinges on some of the doors and some locks had been broken, and there was other very definite evidence of vandalism in some sections of the building. In the women's section, toilets and walls were marked with lipstick and with comments not fit to print.

After discussion by the Board, it was agreed that Mr. Kelley should endeavor to bring about a meeting between church officials and various settlement houses and other community organizations of the district for the purpose of suggesting some educational program that may help to eliminate this type of vandalism.

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Land Transfer Requests

Under a City Council Order passed on November 18, 1946 and approved by the Mayor on November 19, 1946, the following-described land was transferred from the custody of the Real Estate Division to the custody of the Fire Department as a site for a proposed paint shop and garage. Owing to a change of plans, the Fire Department now has no use for the land. It was therefore

VOTED, that the Board approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he make arrangements for the transfer of this land from the care, control and custody of the Boston Fire Department to the care, control and custody of the Park Department:-

> 1831 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison Avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 624 in the numbering of said avenue.

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1831 Square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison Avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 628-630 in the numbering of said avenue.

Approximately 1574 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison Avenue, Boston, formerly numbered 632-634 in the numbering of said avenue.

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The Board considered the request of the Boston Housing Authority for transfer to the Authority, with or without consideration, of land of the Arnold Arboretum at Centre, Weld and Walter Streets, West Roxbury, for construction of a State-aided veterans' housing project. The parcel adjoins Joyce Kilmer Park, presently under jurisdiction of the Park Department.

The Board was informed by the Secretary that the Park Department can dispose of this land only by public auction and then only if it is not needed for park purposes, also that legislative authority is required. The Board was also informed that the matter had been referred to the Law Department and that they had drafted a special bill to be presented to the Legislature permitting the transfer, but that the Legislature, however, would not admit the bill and that therefore nothing can be done, at least during the present session.

No action was taken by the Board.

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Concurrence in Sale of Land:

VOTED, that the Board concur in the conveyance of 1786 square feet of land on Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Boston, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Metropolitan District Commission, to Robert L. Barrett.

VOTED, that the Board concur in the conveyance of 3900 square feet of land on Old Colony Parkway, Boston, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Metropolitan District Commission, to Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Both concurrences are required by Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

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John J. Ryan Playground,
Land Transfer, Damages, Etc.

The Board considered a letter from P. H. Kitfield, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to the matter of the taking by the Commonwealth of a portion of the John J. Ryan, Jr. Playground in connection with the current improvement of Sullivan Square, Charlestown, and the replacement of the Park buildings located thereon.

The letter states that at a conference in Mayor Curley's office on September 13, 1949 for the purpose of securing the Mayor's approval of this improvement, Commissioner Callahan of the State Public Works Department informed those present that his department would reimburse the City for the cost of relocation or replacement of the buildings and other structures presently located on the playground on the basis that the City make portions of the playground, necessary for the improvement, available at no cost to the Commonwealth. No objection ever having been made by the City, Commissioner Callahan assumed that the arrangement was satisfactory.

The Board agreed to hold this matter in abeyance until after a conference with Commissioner Callahan could be held and more information relating to all factors involved in the proposed transaction could be made available to the Board.

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Settlement of Land Damages

RE: United States of America vs. 9.19 acres of land, more or less, in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, First Narrow Gauge Trust, Charles A. Collins, et al. United States District Court (District of Massachusetts) Misc. Civil No. 6679.

It was called to the attention of the Board that the above-mentioned claim

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had been settled and that a check for $2100 had been received by the Park Department, paid by the United States District Court (District of Massachusetts) in satisfaction of judgment in condemnation proceeding instituted on March 12, 1943, wherein the United States of America acquired by eminent domain a perpetual easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of a pipe line in certain lands denominated as parcels Nos. 8, 9, 10 abutting on Wood Island Park, and parcel No. 29 being part of land taken in fee for airport purposes. Boundaries and recordings of deeds of these parcels are fully described in letter from Corporation Counsel to Chairman of Park Department.

Permits, Fees, Etc.

Voted, to approve a permit to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for installation of one pole with service wires at the premises, Sullivan Square Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts, for the purpose of providing telephone service to the State Department of Public Works and its contractors, now engaged in the construction of an underpass at this general location. All telephone plant to be removed at conclusion of construction job.

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Golf Fees

A revision of the fees for playing golf on the municipal golf courses has been under discussion by the Board of Park Commissioners and by the City Council Ordinance Committee. On March 13 the Ordinance Committee adopted the following scale of fees. They require final approval of the Mayor:

Franklin Park Course:	Annual membership fee, $15 for residents, $30 for non-residents; Monday through Friday, $1.00; Twilight fee, $.50; Saturday, Sunday, Holiday Fee, $1.00 for residents; $2.00 for non-residents.
George Wright Course:	Annual membership, $25.00 for residents, $40 for non-residents; Locker Fee, $3.00; Saturday, Sunday, Holiday fee, $2.00; Monday through Friday, $1.00.

It was suggested by the full Board that the Board would be willing to accept the scale of fees that were agreed upon by the City Council on March 13, that is, charging $30 for non-residents at Franklin Park, and $40 for non-residents at George Wright course, provided the Council would allow the Park Department to charge $20 for annual membership for residents at the Franklin Park Course and $30 for annual memberships for residents at George Wright course.

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Abatement of Tax

Voted, to approve the abatement of $1.00 Moth Tax against the property at 2066 Dorchester Avenue, Ward 16, in the name of Michael & Bridget Regan.

Request for such approval has been made by the City Collector in order that the sum of $1.00 against this property, remaining outstanding and thereby placing the account in tax title, may be removed from his books along with the real estate taxes which have been declared abated.

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Personnel Matters

The following personnel changes made in accordance with an organization chart for the department now being prepared:

James A. Walsh, from Chief of Construction to Chief of Construction and Deputy Commissioner, with salary increase from $5200 to $5700 per year.

> Action by the Board on Mr. Walsh's appointment was as follows: Motion by Mr. Kelley that James A. Walsh's temporary appointment be approved, with the additional rating of Deputy Commissioner, for a period of six months. The vote was: Mr. Kelley and Mr. Haffenreffer, Yes; Mr. Lee, No. The vote on the salary increase was: Mr. Kelley and Mr. Haffenreffer, Yes; Mr. Lee, No.

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Bernard J. Conley, from General Foreman (with temporary rating as Assistant Deputy Commissioner) to Superintendent of Parks and Playgrounds, with salary increase from $4400 to $4600 per year.

Joseph M. Walsh, from General Foreman with temporary rating as Assistant Deputy Commissioner to Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Playground. No change in present compensation of $4400 per year.

(The vote of the Board on Mr. Conley's and Mr. Walsh's appointments was unanimous.

The foregoing changes are in line with the report of the Finance Commission which recommended that the department be reorganized. Some of the suggestions contained in the report have been incorporated in the reorganization and others of our own added.

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Other temporary changes: The following foremen, acting as General Foreman under temporary ratings, are to continue in this capacity until an examination is held and a list established, the examination to be open to all foremen in the department: Mr. Martin, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Buhle and Mr. Carrigan.

On motion of Mr. Kelley, a Yes vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Lee made a motion that steps be taken at once to hold Civil Service examination for position of Deputy Commissioner and that the examination be open to twelve or more employees of the Park Department. The motion was discussed and then Mr. Haffenreffer made a motion to lay it on the table. Mr. Kelley and Mr. Haffenreffer voted Yes; Mr. Lee, No.

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The following personnel matters were all approved:

James F. Nolan, first-class fireman at $60.67 per week, who has been on leave of absence since November 1, 1949, was reinstated in his position in the department and returned to work on February 1, 1950.

James B. Hamrock, painter, was transferred to the Park Department from the Long Island Hospital department, at $56.25 per week, effective as of March 8, 1950.

Mary E. Mulcahy, matron, granted leave of absence for six months from January 3, 1950 because of illness.

Maud L. Gleason, matron, retired as of close of business January 31, 1950.

Kathleen Caswell, matron, granted extension of leave of absence from February 8, 1950 because of continued illness.

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Budget Matters

The following information relating to the department budget was called to the attention of the Board:

The Chairman, the Secretary, the Deputy Commissioner and the Chief Engineer of the department appeared before the Budget Commissioner and the City Council Committee on the budget. Final decision on all department budgets is at present awaiting action by the City Council. The budget set-up is as follows:

Park Division

Department Estimate, $2,901,766.73. Allowance, $2,437,384, for 1950.
Expenses, 1949........ 2,457,845.47

The above allowance is for regular maintenance. In addition we will be required to use the income of the George F. Parkman Fund as usual. We also have the following special appropriations:

Park and Playground Improvements	$100,000
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo	20,000

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Reconstruction and Repairs of Parkways and Roadways	$ 90,000
Playground Site, Gallivan Boulevard	50,000
Muddy River and Leverett Pond Dredging	35,000

Cemetery Division

Division estimate, $335,996.71.--Allowance, $209,344, for 1950. Expenses 1949, $201,631.05.

In addition to the 1950 allowance, the division will expend $60,000 from the General Cemetery Fund. **The Board voted approval of this expenditure of $60,000 subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council.**

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Pony Ride Concession

The Board considered the request of Mr. Ray LaHaye, manager of the Lazy R-L Ranch, for establishment of a Pony Ride and Exhibition Barn at Franklin Park. A plan of the exact location where it would be set up has been furnished to the Board and Mr. Byrne, chief engineer in the department, has made an inspection of the area.

Mr. LeHaye agrees to furnish the ponies and erect an Exhibition Barn with box stalls, protected on the upper half by heavy mesh wire to enable people to look at the ponies. There will also be an office and saddle room in the building, and living quarters for a man who will be at the barn at all times.

The Board voted that Mr. Kelley be given authority to proceed with further investigation in regard to this pony ride concession and that whatever arrangements he makes will be satisfactory to the full Board. The Board also voted that the fee for the concession will be discussed at a later meeting.

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Parkman Fund Income

Voted, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$38,000.00

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Aquarium & Park Area

The Board discussed the possibility of a transfer of the Aquarium and the adjacent park area to the Metropolitan District Commission. It was agreed that the Chairman will discuss the matter with other members of the Board at some later meeting.

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Sailing Program

Mr. Lee talked about the matter of rental of the Club House now being used by the Community Sailing Association, whether the Metropolitan District Commission intended to rent the building to the Association again this year. He understands that a date has been set for a hearing by the Commission at which interested parties may appear. Mr. O'Keefe is to ascertain the date.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6.40 p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

April 28,1950.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, to-day, at 11:15 o'clock a.m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Superior Tree Service,Inc. - 1st payment under contract for "Removal of Infected Elm Trees in the City of Boston, Mass."	$4,892.00
Rossano Construction Company,Inc. - 7th payment under contract for "Alterations to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End,Boston"	$7,520.33
Allied Engineering Corporation - 9th payment "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House"	$ 188.01
John E. White, Superintendent.) Expenses Paul J. Carrigan, General Foreman) incurred while attending Quarterly Meeting of the New England Park Association at Northampton, March 29 and 30,1950	$ 30.60 $ 30.60
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses incurred in connection with their employment.	
Park Division	344.97
Cemetery Division	41.41
Superior Tree Service,Inc. - second payment under contract for "Removal of Infected Elm Trees in the City of Boston"	$4, 118.00

CONTRACT

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, March 21,1950, for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mount Hope Cemetery,West Roxbury,Massachusetts," as follows:

Walter Reed Corp.1078 Boylston Street,Boston	$4,235.00
Chas.Callahan Co. 33 Stratford St.,West Roxbury	4,595.00
Wm. P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	4,680.00
D.F. Frangioso Co.,155 Savannah Ave.,Mattapan	4,720.00
John F.Shea Co.,Inc.41 Hollingsworth St.Mattapan	5900.00
Joseph Botti & Son,48 Groveland St., Mattapan	10,800.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass., for the approximate sum of $4,235.00, same to be charged to budget appropriation B-42 Cemetery Division.

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time to Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street,Boston, until May 15,1950, for the completion of the contract for "Construction of New Convenience Station on Boston Common"

VOTED, to approve the request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, for use and occupancy of the John J. Ryan,Jr. Playground area, in Sullivan Square, Charlestown, for the erection and maintenance of field offices and storage facilities, and other like purposes, in connection with the $6,000,000 highway project.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works has agreed that after the completion of the highway project it will

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construct a unified recreation area (Refer to Public Works Department letter of April 24,1950)

This matter was previously discussed at the Park Commissioners' Meeting on March 6 and 14,1950. Since then there have been conferences with Commissioner Callahan of the State Department of Public Works, Park Commissioner Frank R. Kelley, Corporation Counsel William L. Baxter, and the engineers of both departments.

The Board authorized Commissioner Kelley to handle the matter for the best interest of the department.

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Request of the Board of March 14,1950, to His Honor the Mayor that 5,236 square feet of land on the southeasterly side of Harrison Avenue, Boston, numbered 624 to 634 in the numbering of said avenue, be transferred from the Fire Department to the Park Department, was approved under date of April 17,1950 by the City Council and on April 18,1950 by the Mayor.

VOTED, to develop this area.

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Check in the sum of $72,500 was received by the Park Department from the United States District Court as full compensation for the taking by eminent domain of a portion of Jefferson Playground on September 8,1949.

A letter has now been written by the Chairman of the Park Commission to the Corporation Counsel asking if the Park Department can make use of this money, rather than have it credited to the account,"Sales of City Lands"

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Reading of notice from the Board of Zoning Adjustment that the petition of the Boston Housing Authority for the use of Joyce Kilmer Park as a housing development area has been dismissed. This matter was up for discussion at the Board Meeting on March 14,1950.

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VOTED, to disapprove the request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, for use of Circuit Drive, in Franklin Park, as an emergency access to the hospital to be erected in that locality and in part for a service road.

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In reference to the Order of the City Council, filed by Councillor Bryan, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to purchase or take by eminent domain the land in West Roxbury in Ward 20 bounded by Russet Road, Bruce Street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and Weld Street for the purpose of constructing a playground for the small children in the neighborhood, it was VOTED to make a search as to the possibility of laying out a playground.

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VOTED, to grant permit to Mr. Ray Le-Haye for pony ride concession in Franklin Park, provided Mr. Le-Haye receives the approval of the City departments which have the approving or projects of this character.

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GOLF COURSE FEES:- The follwing fees were set for Franklin Park Golf Course and George Wright Golf Course for the season of 1950, with the approval of the Mayor and City Council. They vary somewhat from our original recommendation and that of the Mayor. Under Section 22 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances

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of 1947, as recently amended by Chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1949, the City Council has the right to set fees:

Franklin Park Course

Annual membership fee	Residents.........	$15.00
	Non-residents.....	30.00
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday Fee,	Residents.........	1.00
	Non-residents.....	1.50
Monday through Friday fee,......................		1.00
Twilight fee (after 5 P.M.)......................		.50

George Wright Course

Annual membership fee,	Residents........	$30.00
	Non-residents....	40.00
Locker fee..		3.00
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday fee.....................		2.00
Monday through Friday fee.........................		1.00

Approved by City Council March 20,1950 and by Mayor on March 21,1950.

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Personnel Matters

VOTED, to approve the following personnel matters:

Sliding Scale Step-rate Salary Increases

Name	Rating	From	To	Effective Date
Thomas F. Martin	General Foreman TT	$3800.	$3900.yr.	2.25.50
Paul J. Carrigan	" " TT	3700.	3800.	1.1.50
Martin F. Walsh	Gen. Foreman of Mech.	3700.	3800.	1.1.50
John J. Hammond.........	Foreman	3500.	3600.	1.1.50
Joseph F. Bradley.......	"	3400.	3500.	5.10.50
William E. Collins......	"	3400.	3500.	5.10.50
Arthur A. English.......	"	3400.	3500.	5.10.50
Charles F. Guiney.......	"	3400.	3500.	5.10.50
John J. Keane.....	Foreman of Greenhouse	3400.	3500.	8.26.50
Patrick F. O'Brien..	" of Painters TT	3300.	3400.	2.23.50
Joseph J. McCarthy.....	Foreman	3200.	3300.	5.26.50
Frank J. McGrath.......	Foreman	3200.	3300.	5.26.50
Thomas F. Mullins	Foreman	3200.	3300.	5.26.50
William Hanrahan..	Foreman of Baths	3200.	3300.	11.10.50
John J. Butler,	Foreman, Laundry-Bath House	3200.	3300.	5.19.50
Thomas Roberto.......	Greenkeeper	3400.	3500.	7.28.50
Katherine M. Fitzgerald..	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	3400.	3500.	1.1.50
Catherine M. Hughes......	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	3200.	3300.	1.1.50
Margaret T. Carley....	Stenographer	3200.	3300.	1.1.50
Eva L. Connor........	Stenographer	3200.	3300.	1.1.50
Helen M. Sheehan.....	Stenographer	3200.	3300.	1.1.50
Mary E. Hagerty......	Clerk	3200.	3300.	1.1.50
William L. Cotter,	Greenkeeper, Asst. (TT)	3000.	3100.	4.28.50
Anthony Segadelli..	Phys. Instructor	3100.	3200.	3.21.50
John W. Hardiman...	Phys. Instructor and Equipment Inspector	3100.	3200.	1.3.50
William J. Glennon.	Supervisor of Projects & Statistics	3300.	3400.	1.1.50
Patrick J. Burke........	Collector	3200.	3300.	3.22.50

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Name	Rating	From	To	Effective Date
John A. Hannon ...	Custodian	$3100.	$3200.yr.	1.3.50
Alfred T.Repucci..	"	3100.	3200.	1.1.50
Basil Quirk	"	3000.	3100.	9.12.50
William H. Kelly..	"	2700.	2800.	10.27.50
Daniel J. McCarthy	"	2700.	2800.	6.9.50
Louis J. Lemmo....	"	2700.	2800.	7.7.50
Dennis J. O'Leary..	Asst. Supervisor of Records	3200.	3300.	1.1.50
Wm. B. Fitzgerald..	Inspector of Landscape Projects	2800.	2900.	6.29.50
A.Louise Kennedy...	Asst.Supvr.Recreation	2600.	2700.	6.29.50
Kay Reid..........	" " "	2600.	2700.	6.29.50
Francis J. Caples....	Swimming Instructor	2600.	2700.	8.24.50
John T. Landry	" "	2600.	2700.	10.5.50
Harold E. Whitcraft..	" "	2600.	2700.	8.24.50
Gail M. Barry....	Clerk-Stenographer	2200.	2300.	6.14.50
Frederick J. Byrnes..	Supvr.Phys.Instr.	3500.	3600.	7.14.50
Frank H. Caswell.....	" " "	3500.	3600.	7.14.50
George T. Connell....	" " "	3500.	3600.	7.14.50
William H. Cronan....	" " "	3500.	3600.	7.14.50
James J. O'Brien.....	" " "	3500.	3600.	7.14.50
Harry Robinson.......	" " "	3500.	3600.	7.14.50

It was voted to disapprove the retirement of Nicholas Cicoria, laborer, under provisions of Section 57.

Approval of appointment of Thomas J. Veasey,Jr., 24 Dawes Street, Dorchester, as Zoo Attendant at $53.25 a week.

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Information for the Board

The Department has rendered full co-operation in the following matters dealing with Boston Common:

1. The Chamber of Commerce Jubilee Committee -City-wide cleanup campaign, April 18th.
2. Revival Meeting Held by Rev. Billy Graham on Monument Hill.
3. U. S. Army Defense Exhibit in connection with the Boston Jubilee, which will run from May 13 to May 22.
4. Daily band concerts to be held afternoon and evening during the Jubilee. A different band will play each day and each evening.
5. Saturday,June 3. Safety automobile and truck demonstration on the Ball Field. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Motor Truck Association and approved by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

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The matter of naming the plot of land at Lake Street and Commonwealth Avenue, in front of St. Ignatius Church, in honor of Lieutenant William E. Boyden,Jr., who died in the service of his country on December 8,1944, was laid on the table.

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CONTRACT

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on April 26,1950, for "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester, as follows:

Carriere Construction Co.21 Glendower Rd.Roslindale...	$41,896.00
Bernardo Bros.Inc.129 Providence Street, Hyde Park....	42,792.50
Harney-Veneto Construction Co.Inc.823 Statler Bldg....	45,382.50
J.F.White Contracting Co.209 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge....................................	47,230.00
James D'Amico,Inc. 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester......	48,550.00
Faletra Bros.,115 Providence Street, Hyde Park........	48,638.00
Jos. P.McCabe,Inc.509 E.First Street, South Boston...	49,880.00
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park.......	53,124.00
A.Singarella & Son,22A Tremlett Street, Dorchester....	53,448.00
S.J.Tomasello Corp.25 Huntington Avenue,Boston........	56,240.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc.95 Prince St.,Jamaica Plain...	56,605.00
Dooley Bros.Inc. 39 George Street, Roxbury............	63,690.00
Coleman-Doyle Co.,Inc.,84 Centre Street, Roxbury......	66,340.00
John F. Shea Company,Inc.,41 Hollingsworth St.Mattapan	91,625.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Carriere Construction Company, 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale, for an approximate sum of $41,896.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation,3-31-16, Gallivan Boulevard, Washington Street, Dorchester, Playground Site"

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary.

May 19, 1950

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held in this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Fitzgibbon & Doherty - Second payment under contract for "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts" . . . . $ 1,608.74

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses incurred in connection with their employment . . . . Park Division . . 366.93
Cem. Division . . 41.61

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VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $38,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of . . . .$ 38,000.00

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CONTRACTS, PERMITS

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Wednesday, April 26, 1950 for "Grading and Sanding L Street Bathing Beach, South Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park, Mass....	$ 2,400.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford Street, W. Roxbury ...	2,685.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale..	2,850.00
Joseph P. McCabe, Inc., 509 E. First St., South Boston ...	2,910.00
Highland Sand & Gravel Co., 266 Baker St., W. Roxbury	2,925.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince St., Jamaica Plain...	3,000.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	3,930.00
James D'Amico, Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	4,425.00

It was voted, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $2,400, to be charged to the special appropriation 1-31-14, Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 9, 1950 at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Constructing Play Area, Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	$ 3,620.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford Street, W. Roxbury....	4,227.50
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 95 Prince Street, Jamaica Plain	4,607.30
J. F. Stack & Co., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	4,611.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	4,621.00

It was voted, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $3,620.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation 1-31-14, Park and Playground Improvements, Etc., Revenue.

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VOTED, to request His Honor the Mayor for approval of an expenditure of $1500 from the Randidge Trust Fund Income for the transportation of children, by bus and train, from various sections of the city to the Cummings Estate in Woburn, Massachusetts, in connection with the school garden program.

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VOTED, to approve a license to Louis John Ricci, of 19 Boardman Street, Boston, to furnish and sell refreshments such as candies, nuts, ice cream, cigars and tobacco, also souvenirs and novelties, at World War Memorial Park, East Boston, for a term of one year from June 15, 1950 to June 14, 1951, for the sum of $50, to be paid on or before July 15, 1950 at the office of the Park Department.

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VOTED, to approve a permit to Carnig's Ice Cream Company, 877 Washington Street, Boston, for the sale of ice cream, candies, etc., at the locations listed below, from May 1, 1950 to April 31, 1951, at $25 per location or a total of $175:

Fens Stadium, Boston.
North End Park, Boston
Randolph Playground, Boston.
Franklin Field, Dorchester.
Town Field, Dorchester.
Wm. E. Carter Playground, Boston.
Smith Field, Brighton.

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VOTED, to approve a permit to the Massachusetts State Ice Cream Company, 267 Harrison Avenue, Boston, for the sale of ice cream, candies, etc., at the locations listed below, from May 1, 1950 to April 30, 1951, at $25 per location or a total of $150:

Columbus Park Stadium, South Boston.
Fallon Field, Roslindale.
Garvey Playground, Neponset.
Jefferson Playground, Roxbury.
John J. Connolly Playground, Roxbury.
Healey Playground, Roslindale.

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VOTED, to approve a permit to John J. Shea, 26 Patterson Way, South Boston, Massachusetts, for the sale of ice cream, candies, etc., from a temporary stand in front of L Street Bathhouse, South Boston, for a term of one year from May 1, 1950 to April 30, 1951, for the sum of $50 for the term of the license.

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VOTED, to approve request of Harry G. Seligman, Counsellor at Law, for permission to construct driveways and make the necessary curb cuts, and to remove the trees on the sidewalk which interfere with such improvements, at 972-984 Commonwealth Avenue. Owner of the property is Mary Connolly.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

VOTED, to approve the following personnel changes:

Domenick Maglio, 7 Antrem Street, East Boston, promoted from Laborer at $50.25 per week to Gardener at $53.25 per week.

Thomas J. Feeney, 23 St. Margaret's Street, Dorchester, from First-class Fireman to Third-class Engineer with no change in compensation.

Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., Chief Engineer, - Salary increased from $5200 to $5700 per year.

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary-Chief Clerk, - Salary increased from $5200 to $5500 per year.

Mary T. Duggan - Leave of absence from June 1, 1950 to September 20, 1950 for the purpose of taking a trip to Ireland.

Personnel Matters (Cont.)

5/19/50 Mary F. Toomey - transferred from position of Hospital Laundry Worker, Boston City Hospital, to Park Department as a Matron at $41.17 per week.

John T. Donahue, Zoo Attendant - Retired as of the close of business on April 30, 1950 under provisions of Chapter 658.

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A request of Commissioner Lee to allow boys to play ball on the Parade Ground of Boston Common was brought up for discussion. The Board voted, two to one, to refuse the request, Commissioners Kelley and Haffenreffer voting in the negative and Commissioner Lee in the affirmative.

It was then agreed that the Chairman should notify the police captain of Station 3 that ball playing on the Common is to be allowed only on the ball field.

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The matter of selecting names for parks and playgrounds was brought up for consideration. The following resolution was adopted:

> That the Board is of the opinion that honor should be given to all who died in the war rather than to a few whose names might be chosen by the Park Commissioners. Public recognition of the debt of gratitude that the City owes all the young men and women of Boston who gave their lives in World War II in the service of their country is not a function of the Park Commissioners but rests in the hands of His Honor the Mayor, as evidenced in the War Memorial now completed in the Fenway.
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> That the Board in naming parks, playgrounds and specific areas for individuals use the names of notable and exemplary persons of historical significance (regardless of where they lived) who have rendered distinguished service to city, state or nation; or perpetuate legendary names or place names of historical significance; or use the name of local communities or of local public institutions that have gained city-wide reputation.

His Honor the Mayor has agreed to this plan, - that in the proposed naming of parks and squares in honor of individuals, the Board of Park Commissioners may refer the matter to him for decision.

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In conformance with the above resolution the Board agreed to give its approval to the naming of the new playground area at Gallivan Boulevard and Washington Street, Dorchester - provided it receives the approval of His Honor the Mayor - in honor of William Gary Walsh, gunnery sergeant, United States Marine Corps, who was killed at Iwo Jima on February 27, 1945 and who was the only Boston born boy to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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The Board considered the matter of naming the circle in front of St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill, in memory of Lieutenant William Boyden, Jr., and agreed to give full approval if in the judgment of His Honor the Mayor it should be so named. Chairman Kelley was designated to interview the Mayor on the subject.

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The Board considered the matter of selling a portion of the Union Street Playground, Brighton, to be used as the site of a home for a permanently bed-ridden veteran, and it was

VOTED, that the Chairman request the Corporation Counsel of the city for an opinion as to the rights of the Board of Park Commissioners in selling part of a playground for this purpose.

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5/19/50 VOTED, to request His Honor the Mayor to arrange for a special appropriation of $60,000 for restoration of William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown. This area was considerably reduced by the erection of the Mystic River Bridge and the play facilities in the district are now very limited. They have been further limited by the new traffic interchange being constructed at the Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square.

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The Chairman presented a letter dated April 29, 1950 and received here on May 5, 1950, from Paul J. Carrigan, in which Mr. Carrigan resigned his position as Foreman (General Foreman by temporary transfer) in the Park Department. As he had been absent from his duties here for one week, his resignation was made effective May 2,

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Carrigan, asking him to return all equipment and data that he had in his possession belonging to the Park Department, and under date of May 10, a letter was received from him, from Tampa, Florida, stating that he had turned over all equipment and keys to Mr. Arthur English.

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The remainder of the time in this meeting was devoted to a discussion of topics brought up by Commissioner Lee which had been left over from the previous meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 P.M

Arthur J. Keefe
Secretary

July 5, 1950.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting were accepted without reading.

During the first part of this meeting the Board discussed problems relating to the purchase of land, housing developments, etc., as recorded by the following votes. Mr. Kerr of the Law Department was present as legal adviser:

Commonwealth Avenue, Sidlaw Road and Chiswick Road: The purchase of land at this location, which had been discussed at previous meetings, was again brought up for consideration and it was

VOTED, to purchase approximately 25,931 square feet of land at the junction of Commonwealth Avenue, Sidlaw Road and Chiswick Road in the Brighton district at a purchase price of $23,000, the land to be developed for park purposes. An appropriation of $23,000 was voted by the City Council on December 12, 1949. The land is shown on plan entitled, "Commonwealth Avenue, Sidlaw Road and Chiswick Road, Brighton, dated Feb. 7, 1950. James E. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department. Special draft to be sent to the City Auditor in favor of Chesley S. Lancaster, 61 Plainfield Street, Waban, Massachusetts".

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Ryan Playground. The Board further discussed the request of the W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation for the purchase of a portion of the John J. Ryan, Jr. Playground, in Charlestown, no longer needed for playground purposes, and it was

VOTED, That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of this Board that the land hereinafter described is no longer required for public purposes,

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to wit: that portion of the John J. Ryan Jr. Playground shown on plan entitled "City of Boston - Alford Street - Main Street - Charlestown - June 30, 1950 - James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department", and bounded and described as follows:-

Westerly by the easterly location line of Section 3 of the highway layout made by the State Department of Public Works in behalf of the City of Boston on January 3, 1950, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6574, Page 411, by two measurements, twenty-two and 32/100 (22.32) feet and thirteen and 77/100 (13.77) feet;

Northwesterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan Jr. Playground), three hundred sixty-six and 10/100 (366.10) feet;

Northeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan Jr. Playground), twenty-five and 00/100 (25.00) feet; and

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation, three hundred ninety-two and 00/100 (392.00) feet.

Containing ninety-five hundred and five (9505) square feet,

FURTHER VOTED, That the Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council on behalf of the Board that in the opinion of the Board said land is no longer required for public purposes and that the Board recommends the sale of said land to W. F. Schrafft & Sons Corporation for $6,653.50.

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Ryan Playground. The Board discussed the request of the Boston Edison Company for a right and easement in and through portions of the John J. Ryan Jr. Playground for the purpose of constructing and maintaining duct lines, manholes, pipe lines, etc. required for its power lines, and it was

VOTED, That it be, and hereby is, determined to be the opinion of this Board that the two parcels of land hereinafter described, to the extent of a right and easement therein to construct, reconstruct, add to, repair, renew, maintain and operate, in the subsurface soil, an underground tunnel, duct lines, manholes, pipe lines, and underground materials, appliances and apparatus and of a right and easement to enter upon said parcels of land for the purpose of enjoying the aforesaid right and easement, are no longer required for public purposes, to wit: the two portions of the John J. Ryan Jr. Playground shown on plan entitled "City of Boston - Alford St., Charlestown - June 30, 1950 - James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department" and bounded and described as follows:

Parcel 1.

Westerly by the easterly location line of Section 3 of the highway layout made by the State Department of Public Works in behalf of the City of Boston on January 3, 1950, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 6574, Page 411, sixty (60.00) feet;

Northwesterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan Jr. Playground), twenty-two and 42/100 (22.42) feet;

Westerly again by said easterly location line, thirty-five (35.00) feet;

Southerly by said easterly location line, nineteen and 60/100 (19.60) feet;

Westerly again by said easterly location line, by two measurements, seven hundred eighty-two and 71/100 (782.71) feet and, on a curve with a radius of six hundred fifty-nine and 32/100 (659.32) feet, thirteen and 25/100 (13.25) feet;

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Northwesterly by the land described as Parcel 1 in the deed from the City of Boston to the Boston Edison Company dated May 6, 1942 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5986, Page 541, two hundred eight and 1/100 (208.01) feet;

Northeasterly by Parcel 2 hereinafter described, thirty (30.00 feet;

Southeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan Jr. Playground), one hundred ninety-nine and 97/100 (199.97) feet;

Easterly by said land of the City of Boston, six hundred eighty-seven and 6/100 (687.06) feet;

Northeasterly by said land of the City of Boston, one hundred and six (106.00) feet;

Easterly again by said land of the City of Boston, sixty (60.00) feet; and

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of the City of Boston sixty-six and 45/100 (66.45) feet;

Containing thirty-four thousand seventy-one (34,071) square feet, more or less.

Parcel 2.

Northwesterly by the land described as Parcel 3 in the deed from the City of Boston to the Boston Edison Company dated May 6, 1942 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5986, Page 541, one hundred and seventy (170.00) feet;

Northeasterly by the southwesterly extreme low water line of the Mystic River, thirty and 15/100 (30.15) feet, more or less;

Southeasterly by land of the City of Boston (John J. Ryan Jr. Playground), one hundred seventy-three (173.00) feet; and

Southwesterly by Parcel 1 hereinbefore described, thirty (30.00) feet;

Being a parcel of flats containing fifty-one hundred and forty-five (5145) square feet, more or less.

FURTHER VOTED, that the Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the City Council on behalf of the Board that in the opinion of the Board said two parcels of land, to the extent of the rights and easements above described, are no longer required for public purposes and that the Board recommends the grant of said rights and easements in said two parcels of land to the Boston Edison Company for $6,000.

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Housing Development, Perkins Street corner of Jamaicaway. The Board discussed the proposed million-dollar housing project to be located on the north corner of Perkins Street on the Jamaicaway. Present and taking part in the discussion were Atty. William C. Rogers, 50 Congress Street; Robert M. Dobbins, 209 Washington Street, a Boston real estate dealer; and Sherman P. Troy, a contractor and builder, 50 Congress Street; and Arthur G. Manaselian, 30 Huntington Avenue, an architect.

The discussion developed the following conclusions: - If section 18 and 20 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of 1947 were fully complied with by having the height of each separate building not more than 70 feet above the mean grade of the parkway sidewalk in front of it, and by having the nearest portion of any building

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It was further indicated that the Board would not grant such a permit unless the entrance of the garage led, not off the Jamaicaway, but off either Perkins Street or the private way in the rear of the property.

It was also indicated that the Board was reserving full right to approve or disapprove when presented to it the detail plans of the structure with particular reference to architectural beauty and esthetic value of that part facing the Jamaicaway.

The vote on this matter was, Yeas - Chairman Kelley and Commissioner Haffenreffer. Commissioner Lee abstained from voting pending a talk that he plans to have with the City Planning Board relative to this apartment house.

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Housing Development - VFW Parkway, West Roxbury Parkway, etc.
Boston Fire Fighters Assoc. Inc.

The Board considered the request of the Boston Fire Fighters Association, Inc., to acquire a site of land for single family dwellings for members of the Fire Department, said land being a triangular tract approximately 16 acres in area bounded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, the West Roxbury Parkway, Weld Street and the southern boundary of park land, a portion of which could be considered Vincent Street.

Under Ch. 248, Acts of April 10, 1947, the Legislature passed an act authorizing the City of Boston, by its Mayor, to sell at public auction any part or parts or the whole of the West Roxbury Parkway

VOTED, that the matter be laid on the table until the next meeting in order to give the Board an opportunity to make further investigation.

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Sale of Part of Union Street Playground.

The Board considered a request to sell a portion of the Union Street Playground as a site for a home to be constructed by the Federal Government for a permanently disabled war veteran.

VOTED, to approve the sale of a part of the Union Street Playground for the purpose stated above, provided a special act of the Legislature is passed granting the necessary authority. Mr. Holsberg of the Veterans Bureau is to discuss with Mr. Byrne, Chief Engineer, the exact part of the land they desire.

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Boston Common Garage.

VOTED unanimously that the agreement entered into on the ninth day of December 1949 by and between the City of Boston, a municipal corporation acting through its Board of Park Commissioners with the approval of the Mayor, and Motor Park, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having a usual place of business in the City of Boston, relating to the construction of a garage under Boston Common, be renewed and extended for a period of 120 days and that the agreement be amended by striking out the words "July 1, 1950" in section 3 on page 3, and substituting in place thereof the words "November 1, 1950".

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The above matters having been voted upon and Mr. Kerr and other visitors having left the meeting, the Board proceeded with the regular business of the meeting.

The following special drafts were approved:

Allied Engineering Corporation - Tenth and final payment under contract for "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House", contract of March 18, 1950.....$2,490.13

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Joseph J. Driscoll - Fifth payment under contract for "Architectural Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the New Convenience Station for Women and Children", contract of December 30, 1948	$ 160.33
Walter Reed Corporation - First payment, "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury".	$3,616.72
Michael Racioppi - Third payment, "New Convenience Station for Women and Children on Boston Common", contract 10.5.49.	12,333.10
Rossano Construction Co., Inc. - Eighth and final payment, "Alteration to North Bennet Street Bath House, North End, Boston", contract approved August 8, 1949	8,632.43
William P. Herlihy - Third payment, "Filling, Grading and Gravel Walks at Jamaica Pond, Olmstead Park, West Roxbury", contract approved October 31, 1949,	4,669.85
Faletra Bros. - First payment, "Grading and Sanding L Street Beach, South Boston, Massachusetts", approved 5.22.50,..	2,063.36
A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Employees' expense accounts, June 7, 1950, Park Division... Cem. Division...	342.23 46.45
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - Third and final payment, "Removal of Infected Elm Trees in the City of Boston", contract of 2.14.50	1,590.00
Carriere Construction Co. - First Payment - "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester", approved May 17, 1950	7,783.23
Boston School Committee - Occupancy of Administration Building Annex for boat-building program on dates as specified in bill	493.75
Baker & Co., Inc. - First payment, "Asphalt Surfacing of Walks, Franklin Park Zoo, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", contract approved October 24, 1949	14,869.50
Charles W. Jones - Taking of lot No. 5 at Fairview Cemetery by order of Board of Street Commissioners of May 3,1950,..	625.00
Charles W. Jones - Taking of Lot No. 8 at Fairview Cemetery by order of Board of Street Commissioners of May 3,1950..	500.00

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Naming of Playgrounds:

VOTED, to name the small triangle located at the approach to Center Street traffic circle, going in the direction of Forest Hills, in honor of Sergeant Joseph Francis Holmes, Jr., who was killed in action in the European theatre of war in 1944.

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VOTED, to name the square in front of St. Ignatius Church at the Newton-Boston line in honor of Lieutenant William Boyden, Jr., the approval of His Honor the Mayor having been obtained.

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The Board considered the request of Councillor McCormack that the playground at the corner of Green and Lamartine Streets be named for Corporal Joseph E. Johnson, who was killed by enemy fire in the recent war. No action was taken on this request.

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Concurrence

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners concur with the Metropolitan District Commission in the sale of 21,296 square feet of land on Old Colony Parkway in the Dorchester District of Boston to Herman J. Marrow, Benjamin Shapiro and Samuel L. Baer, such concurrence being required by Section 85, of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

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Notices

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received notice that the Metropolitan District Commission will place two play areas in Charlestown, one from 42-54 Haverhill Street, and the other from 135 to 145 Rutherford Avenue, as compensation by the Commonwealth to the City for loss of playground area required for state construction projects.

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A notice was read to the Board, received from the Corporation Counsel, stating that Chapter 346 of the Acts of 1950 authorizes the City to make available certain portions of Boston Common for relief of traffic congestion.

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Contracts:

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, June 20, 1950, for "Repairing and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Patrick J. Sullivan, 60 Cohasset Street, Roslindale	$3,237.00
R. Tweed & Son, 499 Huntington Avenue, Boston	3,940.00
Joseph G. Gazzola, 10-12 Fruit & Produce Exchange, Boston,	4,390.00
Dorchester Plate & Window Glass Co., 270 Adams St., Dor.	5,245.00

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Patrick J. Sullivan, 60 Cohasset Street, Roslindale, for the approximate sum of $3,237.00, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation, Park Department 2-39.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, June 27, 1950, for "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury", as follows:

Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	$ 7,240.00
Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury	7,572.00
Daniel A. Rossano, 401 Border Street, E. Boston	7,610.00
Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	8,040.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	9,800.00
D. F. Frangioso & Co., 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan	10,870.00

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $7240.00, same to be charged to the regular maintenance appropriation, 2-42 Cemetery Division.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, June 27, 1950, for "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at James F. Healey Playground, Roslindale", as follows:

Wickwire Spencer Steel Division, 80 Federal St., Boston	$2,460.00
Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams St., Dorchester	2,902.60
P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston	3,003.00

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to Wickwire Spencer Steel Division, 80 Federal Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $2,460.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Tuesday, May 16, 1950 at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Concrete Steps and Repairs at the Lieutenant Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground, Roxbury", as follows:

Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford St., W. Roxbury	$4,757.50
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	4,770.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain.	4,871.00
Faletra Bros., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	5,097.00

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R. A. Buccella & Sons, Inc., 20 Cedar Park, Roxbury.....	$5,255.00
J. F. Stack & Co., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	5,350.00
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	5,721.50
Dale Construction Co., 16 Murphy Court, Boston	5,782.50
Joseph Botti & Son, 48 Groveland Street, Mattapan	6,248.00
Thomas Mulcare Corp., 66 Western Avenue, Allston	6,672.00
P. J. Cantwell & Son, 644 East Fourth St., So. Boston...	6,822.00

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Charles Callahan Co., 33 Stratford Street, West Roxbury, for the approximate sum of $4,757.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, Etc., Revenue" (1-31-14)

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VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract without advertising for bids to The Superior Tree Service Inc., 15 Littlejohn Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, for "Spraying Elm Trees Located Throughout the City", for the sum of $5,000, to be charged to the regular maintenance appropriation 2-42 Park Department.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, June 13, 1950 at 2:00 o'clock p. m., as follows, "Erecting Wire Fences and Fence Repairs at the Animal Ranges, Franklin Park Zoo":

P. J. Dinn & Company, 278 Dover Street, Boston........	$ 7,169.00
Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams St., Dor......	7,623.80

Voted, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to P. J. Dinn & Company, 278 Dover Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $7169, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo (1-31-21).

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VOTED, to award a contract without advertising for bids, after approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the Lashua Portable Lighting, Inc., 594 Washington Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts, for "Floodlighting Various Playgrounds during Football and Baseball Games", for the sum of $4100 for the season. The schedule calls for 9 baseball games at $150 per game, one Community Night at $150, and 13 football games at $200 per game. The cost is to be charged to Park Department budget appropriation, 2-42.

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VOTED, to award a license, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the Mills Automatic Merchandising Corporation, 247 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, for the operation of weighing machines in some of the buildings of the Park Department, for a period of one year from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, for the sum of $350.00.

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VOTED, to award a license, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis of 5 Pickering Avenue, Roxbury, for the refreshment and boat landing privilege at Jamaica Pond, for a period of five years beginning July 1, 1950 at $600 per year rental. Mr. Kelley and Mr. Haffenreffer voted in favor, Mr. Lee not in favor.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS - Voted to approve:

Promotions - John J. Ashe, Richard E. Bergeron, James P. Cunnally, James T. Kelly, William A. Meaney, John J. O'Neill, William F. Pettipaw, Leo J. Sullivan, Jr., - from Laborer to Zoo Attendant with increase in wages from $50.25 to $53.25 per week, effective May 10, 1950.

Arthur A. English to position of General Foreman (temporarily pending examination) with increase in salary from $3500 to $3700 per year, effective June 14, 1950.

Walter E. Shaughnessy from Double Teamster-Chauffeur to Foreman (Temporarily pending examination) with increase in salary from $53.25 per week to $3100 per year, effective June 14, 1950.

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Appointments (Permanent) - Christopher Barone, Paul M. Donovan, George A. F. Flannagan, Eugene H. Cross, Joseph S. Kennedy, John P. Killoran, John P. Mahoney, William Vanheim, Joseph F. Williard, Russell E. Oakham, Leonard E. Reardon, Everett L. Smith, George E. McDonough, Antonio Carbone -- Wages at $50.25 per week, effective dates of 12 appointments, April 26, and other two on May 23, 1950.

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Leave of Absence: Thomas J. Conroy, laborer, for period of three months from May 31, 1950 because of illness.

Retirement: Patrick J. Lavin, gardener-laborer, retired on May 31, 1950 under provisions of Chapter 658.

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RE: William B. Fitzgerald: It was voted that because of the repeated absence from work of William B. Fitzgerald without permission and without a statement of proper cause, that the said William B. Fitzgerald be requested to submit his resignation, in conformance with a letter that he addressed to Chairman Frank R. Kelley, Chairman of the Park Commission, on March 10, 1950.

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LAND TRANSFER: Voted, to approve transfer of care, custody and control of the land located at 73 East Dedham Street, South End, from the Park Department to the Real Estate Division. This land contains 5962 square feet and is too small for any park development. It was turned over to this department by the Real Estate Division on April 16, 1941.

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BUILDING PERMITS:

116 Commonwealth Avenue - Request of Helen Canterbury to change occupancy of single family house to lodging house, religious meetings and private lessons in music.

Mr. Gardner Cashman, representing Miss Amelia Peabody, owner of the premises at 120 Commonwealth Avenue, requested an opportunity to be heard in opposition to this request.

The Board voted to disapprove the request.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

August 23, 1950.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11.10 a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Chesley S. Lancaster - Payment in full for purchase of approximately 25,931 square feet of land at junction of Commonwealth Avenue, Sidlaw Road and Chiswick Road, in the Brighton section..	$23,000.00
Carriere Construction Co. - Second payment - "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington St., Dorchester"	6,375.66
Fitzgibbon & Doherty - Third & final pmt. - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park"	779.48
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park Department and Cemetery Division employees, July 11, 1950, Park Division.....	408.57
Cemetery Div......	40.38
William P. Herlihy - Fourth & final pmt. - "Filling, Grading and Gravel Walks at Jamaica Pond, Olmstead Park, W. Roxbury	2,254.98
Walter Reed Corporation - Second & final pmt. - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury", ...	638.24
Faletra Bros. - First pmt. - "Constructing Play Area, Harrison Avenue, Boston"	2,936.48
Baker & Company, Inc. - Second & final pmt. - "Asphalt Surfacing of Walks, Franklin Park Zoo, West Roxbury, Mass." . . .	2,624.05
Faletra Bros. - Second & final pmt. - "Grading and Sanding L St. Beach, South Boston, Massachusetts"	364.47
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - First pmt. - "Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets"	4,235.55
Michael Racioppi - Fourth & final pmt. - "Construction of New Convenience Station for Women and Children, Boston Common,	2,905.34
Allied Engineering Corporation - Tenth Pmt. - "Architectural Services for the preparation of plans and specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House,	2,365.62
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees, Aug. 8, 1950 . .Park Div..	385.40
Cem. Div..	39.55
Doris E. Smith - Taking of Lot No. 14 at Fairview Cemetery....	300.00
Doris E. Smith - Taking of Lot No. 11 at Fairview Cemetery....	300.00
Green & Co. - First payment - "Furnishing and Laying Water Pipe at Jefferson Playground, Roxbury"	742.68
Charles Callahan Co. - "Concrete Steps and Repairs to the Lt. Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground, Roxbury"	3,581.25
Drummey-Duffill Inc. - First Payment - "Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed Shelter, Sanitary, and Tool House at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts"	396.0

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VOTED, to approve the award of a contract to Drummey-Duffill Inc., 80 Boylston Street, Boston, without advertising for bids, for "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed Shelter, Sanitary, and Tool House at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts", for an approximate sum of $1320.00, which is 6 per cent of the construction cost of the building. The cost is to be charged to the Mary P. C. Cummings Estate Trust Fund Income.

VOTED, to approve basic drawings and outline specifications, under Article 3 of the above-named contract, with the understanding that certain minor changes agreed upon by Mr. Daniel J. Byrne, Chief Engineer of the Park Department, and the Drummey-Duffill Inc., will be complied with.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on June 27, 1950 for "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at James F. Healey Playground, Roslindale", as follows:

Wickwire Spencer Steel Division, 80 Federal St., Boston.....	$2,460.00
Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams St., Dorchester	2,902.60
P. J. Dinn & Company, 278 Dover Street, Boston	3,003.00

After receipt of the above bids it was learned that the firm submitting the lowest bid is a division of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation, Denver, Colorado, doing business in Boston as the Wickwire Spencer Steel Division. In order to take advantage of the lowest bid received and to avoid the expense and delay of re-advertising for bids, the approval of the Mayor was received for the award of the contract to the parent company, Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation, for the sum of $2460.00, and the Board therefore voted to award the contract to the said company, the cost to be charged to "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on July 18, 1950 for "Furnishing and Setting Playground Equipment at Park Department Playgrounds", as follows:

Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	$ 6,506.00
John F. Shea Co., Inc., 41 Hollingsworth St., Mattapan	7,738.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain ..	8,394.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain ..	9,070.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale ...	9,274.50

VOTED, to award the contracts to the lowest bidder, Faletra Bros., for the sum of $6,506.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on July 18, 1950 for "Reconstructing William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts", as follows:

William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	$43,984.00
Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	44,292.50
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale ...	45,544.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain...	46,742.00
Marinucci Bros. & Co., Inc., 51 Ceylon St., Dorchester	50,715.00
Coleman-Doyle Co., Inc., 85 Centre St., Roxbury	52,107.50
J. F. Stack & Co., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	52,887.50
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	54,837.50
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain...	55,288.00
Construction Units, Inc., 294 Washington St., Boston	57,180.00

VOTED, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge, for the approximate sum of $43,984.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, 1-31-17 (William J. Barry Playground, Restoration Of).

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on July 20, 1950, for "Furnishing and Operating Floodlight Equipment on a Rental Basis", as follows:

Lashua Portable Lighting, Inc., 594 Washington St., Stoughton, Massachusetts	$ 3,350.00

VOTED, with approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the only bidder, Lashua Portable Lighting, Inc., 594 Washington Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts, for the sum of $3,350.00, same to be charged to the regular Park Department budget item 2-42.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on July 25, 1950, at 2.00 o'clock p. m., for "Furnishing and Laying Water Pipe at Jefferson Playground, Roxbury", as follows:

Green & Co., 78 Woodlawn Street, Jamaica Plain	$ 1,020.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain	1,160.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	1,247.50
James A. Freeney, Inc., 1 West Street, Hyde Park	1,440.00
James D'Amico Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	1,475.00
D. A. Rossano Construction Co., Inc., 401 Border Street, E. Boston	1,839.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Green & Co., 78 Woodlawn Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $1,020.00, same to be charged to the regular Park Department budget item 2-42.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on August 8, 1950, for "Demolition of Buildings, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

New England Building Wrecking Co., 236 Third Street, Chelsea	$ 3,300.00
Mystic Building Wrecking Co., Inc., 203 Everett St., Chelsea	3,450.00
American Building Wrecking Co., Inc., 144 Western Ave., Allston	4,280.00
Coleman-Doyle Co., Inc., 85 Centre St., Roxbury	5,050.00
City Building Wrecking Co., 185 Somerville Avenue, Somerville	5,080.00

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, New England Building Wrecking Co., 236 Third Street, Chelsea, for the approximate sum of $3,300, same to be charged to the regular budget item 2-42.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on August 22, 1950, for "Tennis Courts at William E. Carter Playground, Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale.	$ 17,057.00
Walter Reed Corporation, 1078 Boylston Street, Boston ...	17,567.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the low bidder, Carriere Construction Co., for the approximate sum of $17,057.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, Park and Playground Improvements, Etc., Revenue".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on August 22, 1950, for "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton Street, Boston..	$12,542.50
Atlantic Roads Co., 358 Medford Street, Charlestown	13,095.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston	13,120.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	13,320.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $12,542.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on August 22, 1950, for "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts," as follows:

Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton Street, Boston,	$31,751.25
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston	32,837.50
Atlantic Roads Co., 358 Medford Street, Charlestown	33,510.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 HuntingtonAvenue, Boston	34,170.00

VOTED, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $31,751.25, to be charged to the special appropriation, Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways.

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time to October 15, 1950 on contract of P. J. Dinn & Co. for "Erecting Wire Fence and Fence Repairs at Animal Ranges at Franklin Park Zoo", contract signed June 14, 1950, - for the reason that the contractor has been unable to obtain necessary steel fencing because of government priorities.

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time on contract of Carriere Construction Company to August 17, 1950, for "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts", contract approved May 17, 1950.

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VOTED, to approve an amendment to contract of Carriere Construction Company in the sum of $2600, because of certain additional work ordered but not originally a part of the contract, although incidental thereto. Original contract price, $41,896.00; addition, $2600; Total, $44,496.

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Union Street Playground:

The Board voted in meeting of July 5, 1950, to sell a part of Union Street Playground to Thomas C. Tempesta, a permanently disabled war veteran, provided special legislation was enacted granting the authority to do so. Senate Bill No. 681 was filed, and was signed by the Governor on July 31, 1950 granting the necessary authority. The Board therefore

VOTED, to sell to Thomas C. Tempesta approximately 10,000 square feet of land, now a part of Union Street Playground, for a price of five cents per foot for the land or a total of $500. It was also voted that Chairman Kelley be appointed a committee of one to wait upon the Mayor and ascertain if the selling price is acceptable to him.

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Fort Hill Square:

The Board was informed by Mr. Kerr of the Law Department that the Traffic Department and Planning Board have made application through the Legislature to

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acquire Fort Hill Square for an underground garage area. Mr. Kerr stated that he is of the opinion that after the garage is built, the square will be restored to its former condition. As this square is under the custody and control of the Park Department, the Board voted that Foreman Arthur English be assigned to make an inspection of the area to ascertain what type of trees should be planted here.

Pony Ride Concession:

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel's, relative to the granting of a pony ride concession in Franklin Park, was read to the Board, this proposed concession having been under consideration by the Board for some time. The Corporation Counsel respectfully asked to be excused from drawing an agreement for such a concession because he believes that Statute 1897, Ch. 365, Sec. 9, which grants authority to the Board of Park Commissioners to lease park lands and buildings and grant concessions in parks, restricts such leases to certain types of concessions, such as those which supply physical wants of the public, and does not grant authority to lease park lands for amusement purposes.

The Board voted that the matter be laid on the table until the next meeting when Mr. Baxter and Mr. Kerr are to be invited to attend the meeting to discuss the possibility of working out a lease that will allow the Board to grant permission for a pony ride concession in Franklin Park.

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Charlestown Play Areas:

A communication from Mr. Kerr of the Law Department was read to the Board, relative to the taking by the Metropolitan District Commission of two parcels of land in Charlestown, owned by the City of Boston, for the purpose of constructing play areas to replace two similar areas discontinued by reason of the construction of the Mystic River Bridge.

Mr. Kerr called attention to the award of $1.00 to the city, by the Metropolitan District Commission, as damages for the taking of these two parcels of land, suggested that if the Board feels that the sum of $1.00 is inadequate, it should file a petition for damages in the Superior Court. He also called attention to the fact that the statute is silent as to who is to maintain the playgrounds once they have been constructed, the likelihood being that they will be reconveyed to the City for that purpose.

The Board discussed the matter and it was agreed that no action be taken until the playgrounds were officially presented to us by the City Council and the Real Estate Division.

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Refreshment Permits:

VOTED, to approve the granting of a permit to the Carnig Ice Cream Company, 877 Washington Street, Boston, to sell ice cream, candy, tonic, etc., at the following park locations: C. J. Lee Playground, Playground in rear of Aquarium, Walker Playground, Roberts Playground, Ronan Playground, American Legion Playground, Noyes Playground, and Billings Field. The permit is to be in effect from July 24, 1950 to April 30, 1951 which is the termination date of other similar permits granted this company during the current year. The fee is to be the same as in the other permits - $25 per location for a term of one year, figured on a pro rata basis for the shorter term of this lease.

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Parkman Fund:

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $31,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of $31,000.00

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Personnel Matters:

Daniel A. Cocuzzo - Promotion to Grade II Civil Engineer, on a permanent basis, with increase in salary from $53.25 per week to $2900 per year with step-rate to a maximum of $3100 per year, effective July 19, 1950.

Harry Damigella - Appointment to position as Grade II Civil Engineer at $2600 per year to a maximum of [4100 per year. Effective July 19,1950.

Ernest E. Trowbridge - Appointed Civil Engineer Grade I at $2200 per year to a maximum of $2600 per year, effective August 2, 1950.

Frank W. Clark - Appointed Civil Engineer Grade II at $2600 per year to a maximum of $3100 per year, effective August 7, 1950.

Robert McElmoyle transferred from Hospital Department (Sanatorium Division) to Park Department as a laborer at $50.25 per week, effective July 12, 1950.

Thomas J. Kerrigan transferred from Park Department to Public Works Department (Sewer Division) as a laborer at $50.25 per week, effective July 5, 1950.

Irene E. Collard transferred from Hospital Department as a kitchen worker to Park Department as Matron at $41.17 per week, effective August 1, 1950.

John E. Mahan - Permanent rating, laborer; Temporary rating, Engineer Grade II. Increase in salary from $50.25 to $53.25 per week for his services as temporary engineer.

Eva L. Connor - Retirement effective at close of business, August 31, 1950.

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The Board was informed of the impending retirement of Miss Eva L. Connor, on August 31, 1950, from her position in the office of the Park Department after 47 years' service in the employ of the City of Boston, and it was agreed that a vote of appreciation of Miss Connor's splendid work in the department be officially spread upon the records of the Board of Park Commissioners and that the Secretary be instructed to send copy of said vote to Miss Connor.

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Concurrence:

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners concur with the Metropolitan District Commission in the sale of the following described parcels of land, as required by Section 85, of Chapter 92 of the General Laws:

To Nora J. Riley, 71 square feet of land situated in Hyde Park District.

To Louis L. August, 4470 square feet of land on Blue Hills Parkway in Boston to Louis L. August.

To John Philopoulos, three parcels of land in Dorchester containing 3,800 square feet, 4,960 square feet, and 32,280 square feet respectively, - situated along the line of Edgewater Drive on the Neponset River Reservation.

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Special Appropriation for Tree Removal:

The Board was informed that on August 21, 1950, the City Council approved a transfer of $35,000 from the special appropriation "Muddy River, Leverett Pond, Dredging Of", to the special appropriation "Trees afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of".

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The meeting was adjourned at 3 o'clock p. m.

Secretary.

September 18, 1950.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Voted to dispense with reading of records of previous meeting.

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Metropolitan District Commission
Nashua Street Land.

The Board held a conference with Mr. Kerr, Assistant Corporation Counsel, who had been requested to attend the meeting, regarding the action of the Metropolitan District Commission in erecting signs on certain land lying between Nashua Street and the Charles River, thereby barring the use of said land by any other party. The land had been under jurisdiction of the City of Boston Park Department, having been conveyed to the City of Boston under authority of Statute 1929, Ch. 371, for playground, bathing, and similar purposes.

Upon conclusion of the conference, the Board voted that the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise the Board of Park Commissioners as to the present status of the title to the said land and the city's rights therein.

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Special Drafts Approved

Walter Reed Corporation - First payment under contract for "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass"......$ 6,138.90

Faletra Bros. - Second and final payment under contract for "Constructing Play Area, Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts".... 518.20

Allied Engineering Corporation - Eleventh and final payment under contract for "Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Restoration of the North Bennet Street Bath House" 124.51

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous expenses in connection with their employment ....Park Division.... 402.20
Sept. 11, 1950..Cemetery Division. 40.25

Carriere Construction Co. - Fourth payment under contract for "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester".8,965.67

William P. Herlihy - First payment under contract for "Reconstructing William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts" 5,107.73

Expenses incurred in connection with trip to Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, for purpose of taking course in Park Administration and to attend meeting of American Institute of Park Executives, September 11-12-13-14,-

Arthur J. O'Keefe;-Registration, Room, Meals and Travel expenses 43.85

Daniel J. Byrne, Jr.: Expenses same as above 43.85

John E. White: Registration, Room, Meals 31.85

Arthur English: Registration, Room, Meals 31.85

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Power of Suspension

The Board considered the matter of the delegation of its powers of temporary suspension of employees to one of its members, and it being the sense of the Board that said power be delegated to the Chairman,

VOTED: That the authority of this Board to temporarily suspend under G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 31, s. 43, par. (e), as amended, a person holding office or employment under a permanent civil service appointment be, and the same hereby is, delegated to the Chairman.

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In order to permit Chairman Frank R. Kelley to be absent from the city during the period starting September 20 and ending October 16, for the purpose of attending the National Convention of American Institute of Park Executives to be held in Dallas, Texas, from September 24 to September 28, and to take his annual vacation from September 28 to October 16, the Board

> VOTED: That in the absence of Chairman Frank R. Kelley from the city during the period from September 20 to October 16, 1950, either Mr. Theodore C. Haffenreffer or Mr. Joseph Lee, associate commissioners, be empowered to sign payrolls, contracts, leases, and all other necessary papers for the proper conduct of the department's business.

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Building Permits: The following permits were referred to the Park Department by the Building Department for approval:

206 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from lodging house to lodging house and one-family apartment in basement. Approved.

392 Arborway - Change from one family to convalescent home with living quarters for owner. Held over for more detailed information from owner.

116 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from three-family to lodging house. Request of Arthur A. Karp, attorney. Approved.

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Contracts

VOTED: To award a contract to F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, without publicly advertising for bids, for roping and staking 15 football fields on each Sunday during a period of 7 weeks, for a sum of $40 to $45 per location, or a total cost for the entire season not to exceed $4500. The cost is to be charged to Park Department budget item 2-42.

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VOTED: To approve a change in contract of Carriere Construction Company for "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester, Mass.", contract signed May 17, 1950:

Contract Price..............	$41,896.00
Addition as per order signed July 26, 1950	2,600.00 est.
Net addition as per this order dated Aug. 24, 1950	25.00 est.
Contract as standing	$44,521.00 est.

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VOTED: To grant an extension of time to September 1, 1950, for completion of contract of Carriere Construction Company for "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts".

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VOTED: To grant an extension of time to October 15, 1950, for completion of contract of P. J. Dinn & Co., for "Erecting Wire Fences and Fence Repairs at the Animal Ranges, Franklin Park Zoo".

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Sale of Land.

Union Street Playground.

VOTED: To sell to Thomas C. Tempesta, permanently disabled war veteran, approximately 10,000 square feet of land located on Union Street Playground, at a price of $450.00; also voted to request His Honor the Mayor to request the City Council for approval of the sale of said land.

The right of the city to sell this land was requested in Senate Bill No. 681 which was approved by the Governor and signed on July 31, 1950.

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Land at Poplar and Chambers Street

The following City Council Order was called to the attention of the Board:

> "That Chapter 695 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An Act Authorizing the School Department of the City of Boston to Transfer to the Park Department control of Certain Land on Poplar Street in said City" be, and hereby is accepted.

Voted: That the Board take no action until such time as the School Department votes to transfer the land to the control of the Park Department.

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Play Areas

A communication from the Corporation Counsel was presented to the Board, informing the members of certain Acts of the Legislature providing for the construction of recreation areas in Charlestown, Dorchester Lower Mills, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Readville and Roslindale districts of Boston. The Legislative Acts fail to state who is to operate and maintain these play areas when completed. The Board voted that no action be taken unless playgrounds are presented to city.

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Contract

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, September 7, 1950, for "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston"

Four bids were received. Two of them were so obviously figured in error, due to misunderstanding of the specifications, that the Board could make no award of the contract at this time. However, the Chairman was voted a committee of one to wait unpon the Mayor to obtain a final decision as to the proper manner of awarding the contract under the above-mentioned circumstances.

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Pony Ride Concession

In compliance with a request of the Board, Mr. William Kerr, Assistant Corporation Counsel, was present at this meeting to discuss with Board members certain legal phases relating to the granting of a permit for a Pony Ride concession in Franklin Park. Mr. Kerr talked at length explaining the rights of the Park Commissioners to grant such a concession under Statute 1897, ch. 365, s.I. Thereupon the Board voted to deny the application for the right to occupy a specific area of Franklin Park as a barn and barnyard wherein pony rides would be given children upon payment of a fee, the opinion of the assistant corporation cousel being that the Board has no authority to grant such a permit.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2^{10} p m.

Secretary

October 17, 1950

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Patrick J. Sullivan - First payment, "Repairing and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass."	$ 2,733.39
The Colorado Fence & Iron Corp. - First payment - "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at James F. Healey Playground, Roslindale", ...	2,429.71
Drummey-Duffill, Inc. - Second payment - "Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed Shelter, Sanitary, and Tool House at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts", ...	528.00
Charles Callahan Co. - Second and final pmt. - "Concrete Steps and Repairs at the Lieutenant Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground, Roxbury", ...	631.98
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - Second and final pmt. - Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets",.	747.45
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation and other expenses in connection with their employment, - Oct. 10,	
Park Division	226.46
Cem. Division	51.72
William P. Herlihy - Second pmt. - "Reconstructing William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts"	17,336.80
New England Building Wrecking Co. - First pmt. - "Demolition of Buildings, Boston, Massachusetts", ...	2,898.50
The Colorado Fence & Iron Corp. - Second & final pmt. - "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at James F. Healey Playground, Roslindale", ...	428.77

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Permits

366 Arborway - Voted to approve request for change of occupancy from one family to two family dwelling. Submitted by Walter Loughlin.

Parkman Fund

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor for transfer of income of the George F. Parkman Fund in the sum of $30,000, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $ 20,000.00

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Land Matters

Nashua Street. The Board voted at the last meeting to write the Corporation Counsel requesting an opinion setting forth the rights of the City of Boston on land at Nashua and Leverett Streets, said land having been under jurisdiction of the Park Department for playground, bathing and similar purposes. Since then the Board has received a copy of an agreement signed by the Metropolitan District Commission and the Board of Park Commissioners on December 11, 1930, under the provisions of which the Metropolitan District Commission appears to have authority to repossess the land if at any time the Board of Park Commissioners violates any of the conditions of the agreement.

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Back Street and part of Fens between Harvard Bridge & Charlesgate West:

The Commonwealth has taken certain Park Department land between Harvard Bridge and Charlesgate West, under authority of Ch. 262 of the Acts of 1949, for construction of a new highway in that vicinity, and has made an award of damages in the amount of $1.00. The land contains 19,908 square feet.

VOTED: That the matter be referred to the Law Department for an opinion as to whether the City of Boston through the Park Department should bring a petition for a greater award of damages because of the taking of the above-mentioned land.

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Poplar and Chambers Streets. The matter of the transfer of a parcel of land on Poplar and Chambers Streets, which had been under discussion at the previous meeting, was again brought up for consideration. The Board was informed that the School Committee of the City of Boston had voted as follows:

> WHEREAS, under the terms of St. 1950, c. 695, the School Committee of the City of Boston was authorized to transfer to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, control and charge of certain land on Poplar and Chambers Streets, Boston Proper, and
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> WHEREAS, by an order of the City Council, passed August 21, 1950 and approved by the Mayor of Boston August 22, 1950, said c. 695 was accepted, now, therefore, it is hereby
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> ORDERED, That a certain parcel of land containing approximately fifty-nine hundred sixty-four (5964) square feet on the northeasterly side of Poplar Street, Boston Proper, be transferred from the control and charge of the School Committee of the City of Boston to the control and charge of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

The Board, therefore, voted unanimously to accept said parcel of land described above and as shown on plan marked "City of Boston, Chambers Street, Poplar Street, Boston Proper, Jan. 4, 1950, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".

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Chestnut Hill Avenue--Beacon Street--Commonwealth Avenue.

The Board is in receipt of a request for the purchase of several parcels of land under jurisdiction of this department, fronting on Chestnut Hill Avenue, Beacon Street, and Commonwealth Avenue, and running through to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, containing 297,981 square feet, for the purpose of construction of a large home office building for an insurance company.

The Board has been informed by the Law Department that they have the right to sell the property provided they declare it is no longer needed for park or playground purposes, and that the Board agrees to sell it and then receives the approval of the City Council at two meetings, also the approval of the Mayor and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The Board voted that the Chairman discuss the matter with the Mayor and ascertain the Mayor's attitude toward the disposal of the property.

The Board also suggested to Mr. Hatch, the agent for the insurance company contemplating purchase of the property, that his company have the land appraised before proceeding any further.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway

The Board again discussed the request of the Boston Firefighters Association, Inc. for the purchase of a tract of land comprising 16 acreas in area and bounded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, the West Roxbury Parkway, Weld Street and the southern boundary of park land a portion of which could be considered

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Vincent Street. A letter was presented to the Board which was received from the Metropolitan District Commission, stating that the Commission had no interest in the proposed sale.

The Board agreed to inform the Association that if the land is to be sold, the Legislative act authorizing the City of Boston to sell land in this vicinity requires that the land be sold at public auction and that it can not be sold at private sale.

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Purchase of land on VFW Parkway

The Board discussed the question of a purchase of land located in the West Roxbury district bordering the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, opposite the John Hancock Housing Development. An order had previously been filed in the City Council asking that the Park Department acquire this land for park purposes. The area in question contains about 300,000 square feet.

Mr. McDermott of the Law Department informed the Board that the John Hancock Company was willing to sell this tract for $11,000. The Board then voted to have Mr. McDermott prepare the necessary papers for the acquisition of this land subject to the approval of the Mayor.

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Motor Traffic at Playstead

The Board discussed an Order of the City Council dated October 2, 1950 requesting that motor traffic be prohibited in the vicinity of the Playstead in Franklin Park except on days when the schoolboy stadium is in use.

It was voted that the Chairman discuss the matter further with Councillor Tracey, who filed the order in the City Council, and also with the Mayor.

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Swan Boat Lease

The Board considered a request from Mr. John J. Paget of 16 Mapleton Street, Brighton, for renewal of his lease for operation of the Swan Boats on the Public Garden Pond for another period of five years beginning January 1, 1951.

Before taking action on the matter, it was agreed to request Mr. Paget to come in to the office of the Board and talk with the Chairman regarding the lease.

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, September 19, 1950, for "CONSTRUCTION OF ANIMAL SHEDS AT THE ELK RANGE, FRANKLIN PARK ZOO", as follows:

Martin J. Kelley Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain...	$ 4,840.00
G. DeLuca & Co., Inc., 44 Woodward Avenue, Boston	8,550.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain ...	9,200.00
Michael Racioppi, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	13,425.00
Peabody Construction Co., 27 Farragut Road, South Boston....	16,000.00
Dale Construction Co., 311 Washington Street, Brighton......	19,950.00

VOTED, that no action be taken until such time as the Chairman has an opportunity to talk with the Mayor regarding work under this contract.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Thursday, September 7, 1950, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD OR DISEASED TREES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON", as follows:

Fred Ralston & Co., 22 Linden Street, Allston	$ 27,440.00
Superior Tree Service, Inc., 637 Mass. Ave., Arlington	29,600.00
Eastern Tree & Landscaping Co., 280 Bridge St.,Dedham	32,536.00
G. DeLuca Co., Inc., 44 Woodward Avenue, Boston	35,275.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the low bidder, Fred Ralston & Co., for sum of $27,440.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, September 26, 1950, for "SUBSOILING, CONCRETE LINERS, AND LOAMING AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY, BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS", as follows:

Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale...	$ 5,314.50
Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	5,647.80
Michael Ray, 40 Maynard Street, Roslindale	6,884.40

VOTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the low bidder, Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale, for the approximate sum of $5,314.50, same to be charged to the regular budget appropriation 2-42, Cemetery Division.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, September 26, 1950, for "RECONSTRUCTING OF ROADWAYS AT ARB ARBORWAY AND FRANKLIN PARK", as follows:

Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	$33,876.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale.	39,609.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	39,819.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the low bidder, Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $33,876.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Friday, October 13, 1950, for "Construction of a Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts", as follows:

F. C. Dolan & Son, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain.	$33,598.00
Dale Construction Co., 16 Murphy Court, Newton	36,116.00
Conti & Donahue, 239 Commercial Street, West Lynn	36,973.00
Michael Racioppe, 11 Beacon Street, Boston	37,631.00
I. Tepper & Son, 27 School Street, Boston	42,900.00
Poley-Abrams Corporation, 2 Elm Place, Brookline	47,300.00

VOTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the low bidder, F. C. Dolan & Son, Inc., 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $33,598.00, same to be charged to the Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund Income.

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VOTED, to approve an order to the New England Building Wrecking Company, 236 Third Street, Chelsea, to do certain additional work on its contract for "Demolition of Buildings, Boston", as follows: "For removing and disposing of swing shelter on the Matthew J. Sweeney Playground, West Fifth Street, South Boston", the sum of $110.00 will be added to the contract price. Original price, $3300; addition as per this order, $110; Contract as standing, $3410.00.

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Personnel

VOTED, to approve the following personnel matters:

Francis J. Caples, Swimming Instructor - Leave of absence for military duty, effective August 30, 1950.

Patrick J. Ryan, Assistant Director of Recreation - Leave of absence for military duty, effective October 4, 1950.

Frederick DeCosta, Laborer - Leave of absence in order to continue studies at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture under G. I. Bill of Rights, for period of six months beginning October 3, 1950.

Dominick J. DeStefano - Change in rating from Laborer to Custodian with increase in salary from $50.25 per week to $2700 per year.

Edward M. Dillon and George M. O'Neil - Change in rating from Grade 3 to Grade 4 Engineer, effective September 26, 1950, with salary increase to $3900 per year and step-rate increase of $100 per year to a maximum of $4300 per year.

Irwin J. Hennessey - Change in rating from Grade 2 to Grade 3 Engineer, effective September 26, 1950, with salary increase to $3300 per year and step-rate increase of $100 per year to a maximum of $4300 per year.

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Due to the probable absence of the Chairman from his duties in the department because of illness, it was

> VOTED: That in the absence of Commissioner Frank R. Kelley from his duties as Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners during the period beginning October 19, 1950 and continuing until such time as he is again available, either Mr. Theodore C. Haffenreffer or Mr. Joseph Lee, associate commissioners, be empowered to sign payrolls, contracts, leases, and all other necessary papers for the proper conduct of the business of the department.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Arthur J. Keefe
Secretary

October 25, 1950.

A special meeting was held at the office of His Honor the Mayor, at City Hall, Boston, on October 25, 1950, for the purpose of discussing the request of Motor Park, Inc., for an extension of time in order to process the numerous formal documents involved in the completion of the facilities referred to in its agreement for the construction of a garage under Boston Common.

Present: Honorable John B. Hynes, a representative of Motor Park, Inc., and the members of the Board of Park Commissioners - Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

After a discussion of the matter, it was voted that the time for the performance of the aforementioned agreement be extended until January 15, 1951.

Arthur J. Keefe
Secretary

January 4, 1951.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee, and Secretary Arthur J. O'Keefe.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

VOTED: to approve payment of the following special drafts:

Walter Reed Corporation - 2nd and final payment - "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass."			$ 1,083.34
Green & Company - 2nd & final payment - "Furnishing and Laying Water Pipe at Jefferson Playground, Roxbury"			131.06
Carriere Construction Company - 1st payment - "Constructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at William E. Carter Playground, Roxbury"			2,891.64
Fred Ralston & Co. - 1st payment - "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston"			7,794.50
Carriere Construction Company - 5th and final payment - "Filling and Grading Proposed Playground, Washington Street, Dorchester"			7,063.22
P. J. Dinn & Co. - 1st pmt. - "Erecting Wire Fences and Fence Repairs at the Animal Ranges, Franklin Park Zoo"			5,960.15
Faletra Bros. - 1st payment - "Furnishing and Setting Playground Equipment at Park Department Playgrounds"			5,388.33
A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous small supplies required in connection with their employment,-			
	Nov. 18, 1950,	Park Division,	331.81
		Cemetery Division,	51.39
	Dec. 8, 1950	" "	24.80
		Park Division,	299.80
	Dec. 29, 1950	" "	404.30
		Cemetery Division,	39.24
Patrick J. Sullivan - Second & final payment - "Repairing and Painting Greenhouses, Franklin Park, W. Roxbury"			482.47
Walter Reed Corporation - First payment - "Reconstruction of Roadways at Arborway and Franklin Park"			13,768.00
Carriere Construction Co. - Second payment - "Constructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at William E. Carter Playground, Roxbury"			11,535.46
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc. - 1st payment - "Staking and Roping Off Football Fields under Control of the Boston Park Dept."			3,819.90
William P. Herlihy - Third payment - "Reconstructing William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts"			10,806.63
Lashua Portable Lighting Inc., - First payment - "Operating Floodlight Equipment on a Rental Basis"			2,847.50
P. J. Dinn & Co. - Second payment - "Erecting Wire Fences and Fence Repairs at the Animal Ranges, Franklin Park Zoo"			434.65
Carriere Construction Co. - First payment - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Massachusetts"			4,276.79
New England Building Wrecking Co. - Second and final payment - "Demolition of Buildings, Boston, Massachusetts"			511.50
Walter Reed Corporation - Second payment - "Reconstruction of Roadways at Arborway and Franklin Park"			11,579.39
Faletra Bros. - Second and final payment - "Furnishing and Setting Playground Equipment at Park Department"			950.88
Fred Ralston & Co. - Second payment - "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston"			7,318.50
Fred Ralston & Co. - Third payment - "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston"			6,545.00
Central Construction Co. - First payment - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts"			10,463.19
Central Construction Co. - Second and final payment - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts"			1,846.50
Carriere Construction Co. - First payment - "Drainage and Grading at the George Wright Golf Course, West Roxbury"			5,732.05

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VOTED, to approve the following building permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

1568 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from 15 apartments and real estate office to 15 apartments and doctors' offices. Request of the Estate of L. V. Niles.
1872 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from 9 families to 10 families. Request of University Bldg. Corp.
1291 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from 4 families to 8 families. Request of Harry Kahn.
163 Commonwealth Avenue - Erect new fire-escapes on rear of building. Request of Roy Frank Kipp.

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BUILDING PERMITS

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the following sums of money now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $40,000, Nov. 3, 1950.
$16,278.47, Dec.14,1950.

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CONTRACTS

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on October 17, 1950, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Asphalt Surfacing of Roads and Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston St., Boston	$ 34,990.00
Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St.,Boston	35,940.00
Atlantic Roads Co.,Inc., 358 Medford St., Charlestown.	36,290.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Boston	37,350.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	38,935.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	39,292.50
John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury	45,025.00

VOTED, to award contract to lowest bidder, Walter Reed Corporation, for the approximate sum of $34,990.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on November 14, 1950, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Construction of Animal Sheds at the Elk Range, Franklin Park Zoo", as follows:

John F. Shea, 41 Hollingsworth Street, Mattapan	$ 9,300.00
I. Tepper & Sons, 27 School Street, Boston	9,397.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain	10,200.00
Martin J. Kelley Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jam.Plain	11,919.00
Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	12,750.00
A. Singarella & Sons, 22a Tremlett St., Dorchester	13,100.00
D. A. Rossano Construction Co., 401 Border St., E.B.	14,103.00

VOTED, to award contract to the lowest bidder, John F. Shea, 41 Hollingsworth Street, Mattapah, for the approximate sum of $9,300.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on November 14, 1950, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Drainage and Grading at the George Wright Golf Course, West Roxbury, Mass."

Carriere Construction Co., 31 Glendower Rd., Ros.	$ 8,435.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 95 Prince St., Jam. Plain	8,985.00
William P. Capone, 25 Hillock St., Roslindale	9,807.30
Mike Lash, 263 Fairmount Avenue, Hyde Park	9,817.50
Michael Ray, 40 Maynard Street, Roslindale	10,544.50
A. Singarella & Son, 22a Tremlett St., Dorchester	11,080.00
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park	11,145.00

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(Drainage, etc., at Wright Golf Course)

S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston.......	$12,912.50
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain..	13,820.00
Joseph Capone & Son Co., 380 Beech Street, Roslindale	14,480.00

VOTED, subject to approval of his Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale, for the approximate sum of $8,435.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, 1-31-14 (Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue).

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VOTED, to approve an agreement with American Coin Lock Company of Pawtucket, R. I., for the operation of convenience stations on Boston Common, for a period of one year beginning November 1, 1950. The American Coin Lock Company is to maintain and service three stations, furnishing all supplies required and also the services of four attendants who will be on duty from 6 a. m. to 12 midnight. The City will pay to the Company, as compensation for this service, the sum of $2500 for the one-year term, and as additional compensation, the Company will retain the receipts of the coin locks.

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VOTED, to approve an agreement with John J. Paget for operation of the Swan Boats on the Public Garden Pond for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1951, at an annual rental of $800.

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EXTENSIONS OF TIME ON CONTRACTS

P. J. Dinn & Co. - "Erecting Wire Fences and Fence Repairs at the Animal Ranges, Franklin Park Zoo". Completion date extended to November 15,1950.

Central Construction Co., - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts". Completion date extended to June 1, 1951.

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ABATEMENT

VOTED, to approve abatement of the two following accounts, in the Cemetery Division, and to notify the City Collector of said action by the Board. The accounts were adjudged uncollectible by State Auditors who recommend their abatement:

Jan. 23, 1941 - Overseers of Public Welfare....	$10.00
June 11, 1941 - Overseers of Public Welfare....	60.00

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INFORMATION:

The Mayor's Circular Letter No. 28, relating to recent amendments to veterans' pension laws, was read to the Board.

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UNION STREET

A notice received from the Law Department was read to the Board, stating that the land located on Union Street, Brighton, had been transferred to Thomas C. Tempesta, under date of November 3, 1950. Deed was delivered to him on November 6, 1950. He paid the sum of $450 for the land. The Board voted approval of the sale of this land at its meeting on September 18, 1950.

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The Board was informed that the United States Army will use the Ross Playground for a few days in January for the purpose of making certain tests, secret in nature, in connection with the National defense program. The department has allowed the Army the use of the land with the understanding that the government will be responsible for any damage to the grounds.

The Board voted that if, in the future, the Federal Government requests

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practically the exclusive use and control of any park lands in the City of Boston, the matter will be brought to the attention of the mayor and a ruling will be requested from the Law Department regarding the City's rights and the Government's responsibility in such lands.

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Hancock Property

At a meeting of the Board on October 17, 1950, it was voted to accept a parcel of land containing approximately 294,715 square feet, situated in the West Roxbury District and owned by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, for later development as a playground, the purchase price of said land being $11,000. The land is bounded by Russett Road, Bruce Street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and Weld Street. The appropriation of $11,000 for this purchase was approved in City Council on December 4 and 18, and by the Mayor on December 19, 1950.

The Board voted to take no definite action regarding the development of this land as a playground at this time, but agreed to keep the matter on file for future consideration.

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Wallingford Road

The Board considered an order of the City Council that the custody and control of city-owned land on Wallingford Road and Chestnut Hill Avenue, Ward 21, formerly used as a city paving yard, be transferred to the Park Department for playground purposes, the order having been approved in City Council on December 11, 1950 and by the Mayor on December 12, 1950.

The Board then voted to accept the said land but to take no action on its development as a playground at this time.

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Legislation RE: Land Transfers

The Board was informed that two bills have been introduced in the Legislature by His Honor the Mayor as follows:

1 ✓ 1. Authorizing the City of Boston to sell certain lands situate on Brookline Avenue, between Park Drive and the Riverway, to Sears-Roebuck Co.

2. Authorizing the transfer of Fort Hill Square from the Park Department to the Real Estate Division.

The Board took the following action on these two legislative bills:

(1) Brookline Avenue (Sears-Roebuck Co.)

2 ✓ Commissioner Haffenreffer requested that the secretary talk with the Law Department relative to this matter and ascertain whether it would be possible to add to the second line of the legislative bill the words, "or lease", so that it would then read, "The City of Boston by its Mayor may sell or lease to Sears Roebuck Co.....".

(2) Fort Hill Square

The Board of Park Commissioners voted to agree to this transfer provided the Legislature enacted legislation authorizing the Board to turn over the property to the Real Estate Division. The Board also recommended that when the off-street parking garage has been completed, the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners be instructed to confer with the Chairman of the Real Estate Commission regarding the restoration of the area to a condition as good as its condition at the time of transfer.

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The Board voted to give to Chairman Frank R. Kelley the authority to appear before the Legislature to state that the Board is in favor of selling or leasing to Sears, Roebuck & Company the property designated in the bill.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Appointments:

Permanent laborers (60) placed at work December 6, 1950. These men filled places made vacant by the discharge of 47 temporary laborers who had worked here for a two-year period and also filled 13 regular vacancies in the permanent group.

Transfer

Raymond J. Boyd, Hospital Laborer and Motor Equipment Operator at Long Island Hospital, $1800 per year and full maintenance, transferred to Park Department as Laborer at $50.25 per week, effective December 27, 1950.

Promotions

Gladys S. Fenton and Marie H. Tuohey, telephone operators at $2800 per year, to positions as Clerk-Typist at $2900 per year, after passing qualifying examination at Civil Service, effective December 13, 1950.

Henry J. Buhle permanently appointed to position as General Foreman of Horticulture at $3900 per year, after passing competitive examination at Civil Service and being certified as No. 1 on the list.

James A. Frausel, laborer to zoo attendant, increase from $50.25 to $53.25 per week

Robert F. Cusick, from Supervisor of Recreation to Acting Director of Recreation, with increase in salary from $3800 to $4300 per year. Temporary appt.

Leave of Absence:

Harry Damigella, Civil Engineer Gr. 2, called for military service November 1, 1950.

Retirement

Anna C. Gaffney, matron, retired as of November 30, 1950.

The Board discussed at length the temporary promotion of Robert Cusick from Supervisor of Recreation to Acting Director of Recreation. The Board voted unanimously to give Mr. Cusick this temporary promotion. A long discussion was held as to the manner in which the position would be filled on a permanent basis, and then voted as follows:

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Haffenreffer voted that the position be filled on a promotional qualifying basis from among employees in the recreation division holding certain ratings to be determined later. Commissioner Lee desired to be recorded as favoring a competitive examination to fill the position, open to anyone whether a member of the department or not.

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Discussion Matters

Removal of Gen. P. A. Collins Statue: The Chief Engineer submitted a report from the Art Commission regarding the relocation of the General Patrick A. Collins statue from its present site on Commonwealth Avenue, at Charlesgate West, to the center parkway of Commonwealth Avenue on a site in the rear of the discontinued subway entrance, about opposite Kenmore Hotel. Although it is the opinion that the new location is not as desirable as the present one, the Board voted to support the recommendations of the Art Commission regarding its choice of the new location.

The Engineer informed the Board that it is necessary to remove this statue because it now stands in the way of the overpass highway to be erected over Beacon Street and Commonwealth Avenue, extending from the new express highway along the Charles River.

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Discussion Matters (Cont.)

1951 Budget: The Board discussed the 1951 budget and the Chairman pointed out that there were many major improvements included in the budget which have increased the total above that of last year. These items, if finally eliminated by the Mayor, will reduce the budget total to approximately the 1950 level of expenditures.

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Building Regulations. Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne discussed the proposed Federal building regulations which, if imposed during the period of National emergency, will prevent the building of any recreation buildings, bath houses, swimming pools, etc., because of the inability to obtain necessary materials.

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Boston Common Garage. The Chairman informed the Board that at a meeting held at the Copley Plaza Hotel, at which the Mayor, representatives of Motor Park, Inc., and representatives of the Press were present, it was pointed out that heretofore Motor Park Inc., could not issue any publicity relating to the progress that was being made on the construction of the garage because they had been pledged to secrecy by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Now that they are apparently stalemated, they want the press and the public to know the whole story.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1.45 p. m.

Secretary.

January 15, 1951.

A special meeting was held, today, at the office of the Mayor for the purpose of discussing the request of Motor Park Inc., for another extension of time in order to process the numerous formal documents involved in the completion of the facilities referred to in its agreement relating to the construction of a garage under Boston Common.

Present: Honorable John B. Hynes, Park Commissioners Frank R. Kelley, Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee, and Mr. Winthrop R. Scudder.

After a discussion of the matter, it was voted that the time for the performance of the aforementioned agreement be extended to March 30, 1951.

Secretary.

February 28, 1951.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

P. J. Dinn & Co. - 3rd & final pmt. - "Erecting Wire Fences and Fence Repairs at the Animal Ranges, Franklin Park Zoo	$ 1,128.49
Lashua Portable Lighting, Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - "Furnishing and Operating Floodlight Equipment on a Rental Basis"..	502.50
Carriere Construction Co. - 3rd & final estimate" -"Constructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at William E. Carter Playground, Roxbury", ...	2,700.56
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - "Staking and Roping off Football Fields under Control of the Boston Park Department"	674.10
Fred Ralston & Co. - 4th estimate - "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston" ...	1,666.00
William P. Herlihy - 4th & final pmt. - "Reconstructing William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown"	6,044.25
Walter Reed Corporation - 3rd & final pmt. - "Reconstruction of Roadways at Arborway and Franklin Park"	4,473.07
Carriere Construction Company - 2nd & final pmt. - "Subsoiling, Concrete Liners and Loaming at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton"	754.73
A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for expenses in connection with their employment...............(Park Division.......	353.25
2.2.51 (Cemetery Division...	33.82

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The following building permits, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department, were approved:

116 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from lodging house to religious meetings on first floor only, and logding house.
1027-1033 Commonwealth Avenue - Resash store front.
124 Commonwealth Avenue - Erect Type VI building for greenhouse.
132 and 144 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family to ten families at 132 - erect connecting balconies at second, third and fourth floors, front and rear, to connect with 144 Commonwealth Avenue.
1608 Commonwealth Avenue - Repair fire damage.
1079-1089 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from garage and auto show room to auto show room, garage and light manufacture of electronic devices.
1202 Commonwealth Avenue - Fabricate and erect fire-escape on left side of building, balconies, stairs and cantilever.
133 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from radio broadcast studio to ten apartments and one doctor's office.
302 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from six families to lodgings.
176 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from three families and doctor's office to four families and doctors' offices.
22 Fenway - Change occupancy from fraternity house to offices for Massachusetts Medical Society.
165 Park Drive - Erect Type I building for church.
1 & 5 Jamaicaway Court - Change of lot lines.

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Contracts

Voted, to approve an extension of time to June 1, 1951, on contract of Walter Reed Corporation for "Asphalt Surfacing of Roads and Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury".

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Veterans' Burial Rights

Voted, to request His Honor the Mayor to introduce an order in the City Council which, if adopted, will allow deceased veterans of the Korean action the same burial privileges in Mount Hope Cemetery, if their families request it, as have been granted to veterans of the Spanish War and World Wars 1 and 2.

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Personnel Matters

Voted, to approve the following personnel matters:

Permanent appointment, after examination and certification by Civil Service, of the following four men to positions as General Foreman, with a maximum salary rate of $3900 per year:

Joseph P. Bradley, foreman at $3600 to General Foreman at $3700 yr.
Francis J. McGrath, foreman at $3300 to General Foreman at $3700 yr.
Arthur A. English, foreman at $3700 to General Foreman at $3700 yr.
Martin F. Walsh, foreman at $3800 to General Foreman at $3900 yr.

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Transfers

Roger Danehy, laborer, to Public Works Department 1.1.51.
John Haran, working foreman at Zoo, transferred to Public Works Department, 2.14.51.
John P. Gettings, laborer, to Public Works Department 2.14.51.
John J. Glynn, laundry worker at City Hospital, to laborer in Park Department, 2.7.51.
James E. Maloney, laundry worker at City Hospital, to laborer in Park Department, 2.7.51.
Florence A. Ryan, hospital laundry worker at City Hospital, to matron in Park Department, 2.7.51.
Mildred Forsarano, hospital laundry worker at City Hospital, to matron in Park Department, 1.17.51.
Albert O. Matarazzo, hospital kitchen worker at Long Island hospital, to laborer in Park Department, 1.31.51.

Leave of Absence:

Daniel J. Sheehan, 3rd class engineer, granted leave for six months from February 14, 1951, in order to attend school under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Retirements

Mary C. Miller, matron, effective 2.28.51
William E. Gordon, gardening-laborer, effective 2.28.51
Frank D. Rooney, lifeguard & helper, effective 1.31.51.
Joseph B. Fallon, skilled laborer, effective 1.31.51.

Deaths

Ellen Haran, matron, 1.10.51
John Nagle, garageman, 2.26.51

Resignation

Peter Wons, entered police Department as permanent appointee, 1.2.51.

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For Information of the Board

A petition had been submitted to His Honor the Mayor, by prominent business people of Boston, asking that a city park be established at the corner of Harvard Street and Harrison Avenue, South End. The matter was referred to the Planning Board. Since the last meeting of the Park Commissioners, Thomas F. McDonough, Chairman of the Planning Board informed the Mayor that his Board had rejected the idea of establishing a park in this area for the reason that further study of the matter is required and also because the Board believes it would be inexpedient to buy this property and establish a park at this time.

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Since the last meeting of the Park Commissioners, Chairman Kelley with officials of the department attended a hearing before the Legislative Joint Committee on Cities, relative to four bills now before the Committee:

1. To sell the park property opposite Sears Roebuck Company to the Sears Roebuck Company.

2. The turning over of property at Fort Hill Square to the Board of Real Estate Commissioners for off-street parking facilities.

3. Extension of height of buildings on lower Commonwealth Avenue.

4. Relative to having amusements on Park Department property.

The Chairman discussed with the Board the present status of the above matters.

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A request has been made upon the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to turn over the property located at 28 Wall Street, West End, taken in tax title, to the control and custody of the Park Department for development as a play area.

An order is to be presented to the City Council to effect the transfer of this property and, if approved, it is planned by the Park Department to develop it as a small tots' play area.

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Under date of January 24 the City Auditor approved an order whereby the dues of city employees affiliated with Union organizations can be deducted from payrolls.

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The J. L. Jacobs Company, of Chicago, is now conducting a job classification survey of this department, as part of a city-wide survey in all departments. This is in conformance with a promise made by His Honor the Mayor in his inaugural address.

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Budget Note. The Commissioner with officials of the department appeared before the City Council Committee on Appropriations regarding the department's budget requests. The allowance as fixed by the Mayor, which the Council has considered, is $2,821,345. The 1950 allowance was $2,794,184.

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Land Matters. An order of the City Council has been received in this department stating that it is the desire of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston to make a gift of land to the City of Boston for park and playground purposes, situated on the southwesterly side of Poplar Street between Hillside Avenue and Delano Park in the West Roxbury district, containing approximately 18,954 square feet.

By vote of the Council on January 8, 1951, and approved by the Mayor on

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January 9, 1951, said land is to be placed in the care, custody and control of the Park Department of the City of Boston for park and playground purposes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1.25 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

April 16, 1951

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held today, at 10.40 a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting.

Unfinished Business

The Board was informed of the present status of the following matters, all of which were discussed at previous Board meetings:

1. Off-Street Parking Garage, Fort Hill. Died in committee.

2. Bill to allow all types of amusements on Park property. Leave to withdraw.

3. Bill to extend height of buildings on Commonwealth Avenue. Pocketed for life.

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✓ 4. Property in front of Sears-Roebuck Company building. A meeting was held at the Mayor's office on March 21, 1951, where the matter was discussed with officials of the Town of Brookline

✓ The Chairman reported to the Board that a legislative act had been passed by the Senate by vote of 27 to 12 and had been signed by the Governor on April 3, 1951, authorizing the City of Boston to sell certain land to Sears-Roebuck Company. Following is a copy of said Act:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One

An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Sell Certain Land Situate on Brookline Avenue, Between Park Drive and the Riverway, in Said City.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Section 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of general or special law, the City of Boston, by its mayor, may sell or lease to Sears, Roebuck and Co., a New York corporation having a usual place of business in said city, any part or parts or the whole of the land in said city bounded northeasterly by Park Drive, southeasterly by Brookline avenue, southwesterly by the Riverway, and northwesterly by a line parallel to, and five hundred feet northwesterly of, the northwesterly side line of Brookline avenue, and held by said city for public park purposes; provided that the board of park commissioners of said city shall, by vote at a regular or special meeting of said board, assent to the sale; and provided, further, that the

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sale is authorized by a vote of a majority of all the members of the city council of said city, approved by its mayor.

Section 2. The mayor of said city, in the name and on behalf of said city, shall execute and deliver any instrument necessary to convey any land sold under authority of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A photostatic copy of the act was presented to the Park Department for its files, certified to be true by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and said certification bearing the Great Seal of the Commonwealth.

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5. Burial privileges in Mount Hope Cemetery for deceased veterans of the Korean action. Approved in City Council March 19, 1951 and by the Mayor on March 20, 1951.

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6. Land on Wall Street, West End. At a previous meeting the Board agreed to ask the Real Estate Commission to turn this parcel of land, about 3649 square feet, over to the Park Department. Approved by City Council March 5 and by the Mayor on March 19, 1951.

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7. Dorchester Heights and Memorial Tower. This property has now been marked as an historical shrine by the United States of America, through the office of the Secretary of the Interior. However, under the agreement, the City is still charged with the maintenance of the property unless at some time the Federal Government has funds to supplement the city's expenditures for maintenance.

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8. Land on Atherton Avenue for cemetery purposes. We have been notified by the Board of Street Commissioners that Aloysius V. Halpin has accepted an award of $500 for the taking of 9488 square feet of land on Atherton Avenue for cemetery purposes, under the order of May 3, 1950, - Fairview Cemetery.

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9. Boston Common Garage. Under date of April 3, 1951 an extension of the agreement for the construction of a garage under Boston Common was extended to June 30, 1951. The agreement was signed for the city by the Mayor and the members of the Park Commission, and for Motor Park, Inc., by its vice president. The signed document is in possession of the Park Department office.

The main conditions of the renewal are as follows:

1. That Motor Park, Inc. will be prepared absolutely to execute and deliver to the City, on or before June 30, 1951, a Contract and Lease for the construction and operation of said garage, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1946.

2. That Motor Park, Inc. shall, on or before June 30, 1951, have contracted with a qualified contracting company for the construction of said garage which contract shall provide for the commencement of actual construction on or before July 15, 1951.

3. That Motor Park, Inc. shall, on or before June 30, 1951, furnish a satisfactory full performance bond in compliance with the provisions of said Chapter 294, executed by a surety company or companies authorized to do business in the Commonwealth.

If Motor Park, Inc. shall fail to fulfill any of the foregoing conditions, then the contractual arrangements between the City of Boston and Motor Park, Inc. shall terminate and said Twenty-five Thousand (25,000) Dollars shall be forfeited to the City. If Motor Park, Inc., fulfills the foregoing conditions the $25,000 shall be returned to Motor Park, Inc.

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VOTED, to approve payment of the following special drafts:

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation, telephone calls and miscellaneous supplies required in connection with the employment,

March 6, 1951,	Park Div....	$ 342.54
	Cem. Div....	27.87
April 12, 1951	Park Div....	305.57
	Cem. Div....	44.50

Fred Ralston & Company - 5th & final est. - "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston"....................$4,116.00

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VOTED, to approve permits for building alterations, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department, as follows:

111 Commonwealth Avenue	- Change occupancy from guest house to six apartments and guest house. Request of Patricia L. Langenbach.
167 " "	- Erect ornamental balcony on second floor. Request of A. F. Couney.
218 " "	- Alteration first floor only, interior. Request of Dr. Andrew R. MacAusland.
356 Arborway	- Change occupancy from one family to four apartments. Request of Thomas V. and Marie L. Murphy.

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Parkman Fund.

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $49,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $49,000.

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General Cemetery Fund.

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he issue an order for an appropriation of $60,000 from the General Cemetery Fund for cemetery division maintenance and improvement.

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Tuesday, March 27, 1951, for "Reconstruction of Piles and Timber Fences, L Street Bath House, South Boston", as follows:

James B. Rendle Company, 1 Salem Street, Malden	$21,700.00
Charles L. Hazelton & Son, Inc., 178 Border Street, E.B.	25,800.00
McKie Lighter Company, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston......	Qualified Bid) 29,479.00)
Rev-Lyn Contracting Company, 9 Hudson St., Lynn	30,400.00
Coleman-Doyle Inc., 85 Centre Street, Roxbury	38,750.00

VOTED, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, James B. Rendle Company, 1 Salem Street, Malden, for the approximate sum of $21,700, to be charged to the regular budget item 261.

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Contracts (Cont)

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, on Tuesday, March 27, 1951, for "Construction of By-Pass Roadway Between Park Drive and Riverway, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

J. F. White Contracting Co., 201 Alewife Brook Parkway, cambridge, Massachusetts	$29,038.00
Charles Callahan Co., 69 Zeigler Street, Roxbury	29,543.50
Michael Ray, 40 Maynard Street, Roslindale	31,035.70
Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	31,497.50
William P. Capone, 25 Hillock Street, Roslindale	31,710.00
Marinucci Bros. & Co.,Inc., 51 Ceylon St., Dorchester	32,632.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Ros.	33,293.00
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., 358 Medford St., Charlestown	36,702.00
A. Singarella & Son, 22A Tremlett St., Dorchester	37,112.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston	37,675.50
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	37,842.50

VOTED, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, J. F. White Contracting Co., 201 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $29,038, same to be charged to the special appropriation, 1-23-19 (Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways).

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, March 27, 1951, for "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

William P. Capone, 25 Hillock Street, Roslindale	$ 15,926.50
Charles Callahan Co., 69 Zeigler Street, Roxbury	15,974.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	16,002.50
Marinucci Bros. & Co., Inc., 51 Ceylon St., Dor.	16,467.50
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	16,868.75
Michael Ray, 40 Maynard Street, Roslindale	17,632.50

VOTED, with approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award contract to lowest bidder, William P. Capone, 25 Hillock Street, Roslindale, for "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", for the approximate sum of $15,926.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, 33-26 Cemetery Division.

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time to May 15, 1951 for completion of contract for "Construction of a Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts", - F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., contractors.

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Easement

VOTED, to assent to the proposal of the Board of Street Commissioners to make a taking of an easement for sewerage purposes of 13,497 square feet of land in the Walter F. Cassidy playground.

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Castle Island Refreshment Privilege

The Board considered the proposed assignment of the license held by the late James P. Hoar, 1662 Columbia Road, South Boston, for the refreshment privilege at Castle Island, South Boston, to Benjamin Slawsby, and it was

VOTED:

1. That the City of Boston, Licensor under a license to James P. Hoar, 1662 Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts, dated May 1, 1948, as amended by an instrument dated September 28, 1948, does hereby consent to an assignment of the right to use certain areas on Castle Island as described in said license by Helen M. Hoar, 1662 Columbia Road, administratrix of the

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estate of James P. Hoar, to Benjamin Slawsby of 38 Hartmann Road, Newton, said assignment being dated April 17, 1951.

2. That the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to notify the parties to said assignment of the contents of this vote.

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Personnel Matters

Reinstatement: Daniel J. Sheehan reinstated as third-class stationary engineer as of March 14, 1951. Approved.

Extension of Leave: Frederick J. DeCosta requests extension of leave of absence in order to complete course of study at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, effective as of April 3, 1951 and ending June 3, 1951. Approved.

Transfer: William C. Day, clerk-typist, transferred from Public Works Department to Park Department at salary of $2400 per year; and Paul F. Keeley, laborer, transferred from City Hospital to Park Department.

Vacancies: John A. Howard and Harry L. Fopiano, deceased. Edward A. McCabe, William P. Graham, William F. Donahue, Patrick F. O'Brien, Cecilia G. Gilroy, Hannah M. Carey, and Ellen Malcolm, retired.

John J. Corumbo, Emilio Battista, Paul M. Donovan, William McClean, resigned to accept positions in School Department.

James T. Kelly and Irene E. Hynes resigned because of illness

Henry M. Doherty and Robert A. Gill on military leave.

Edward J. Mulligan transferred to Metropolitan District Commission, and Thomas J. Sullivan to the Public Works Department.

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Stadium, East Boston

The Board discussed the matter of acceptance of the new Stadium at East Boston and it was decided that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Public Works Commissioner, William F. Callahan, pointing out many features about the Stadium which are not satisfactory to the Board of Park Commissioners. The Board agreed not to accept the building until these features are changed to its satisfaction.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12.50 p. m.

Secretary

May 31, 1951

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Voted to dispense with reading of records of previous meeting.

A notice from the office of the City Clerk dated May 3, 1951, was read by the Secretary, stating the Joseph Lee and Theodore C. Haffenreffer had been duly appointed as Park Commissioners for the terms ending April 30, 1953 and April 30, 1954, respectively, and had been duly sworn as such officers.

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VOTED, to approve the following special drafts:

Carriere Construction Co., - Second payment - "Drainage and Grading at the George Wright Golf Course, West Roxbury,"...	$1,366.17
John F. Shea Company, Inc., - "First payment - "Construction of Animal Sheds at the Elk Range, Franklin Park Zoo"......	4,283.57
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment.....April 12, 1951........Park Division........	305.57
Cem. Division........	44.50
May 10, 1951 ....Park Division	356.13
Cem. Division	41.39

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PERMITS

VOTED, to approve the following building permits, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

403 Commonwealth Avenue - Change the total number of physicians' offices from ten to eleven - alteration confined to double story area on fifth floor rear.

619 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from hospital to hospital and school. The school will occupy three rooms on the first floor and four rooms in basement . . . .

1251-1263 Commonwealth Avenue - To conduct the business of an open air parking space for twenty-five cars in the rear of premises as numbered above, as per plans filed.

384 Commonwealth Avenue - At present there are two apartments on a floor. It is the intention of the owner to make four apartments to a floor.

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CONTRACTS

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on April 20, 1951, at 2 o'clock p. m., for "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at Irving W. Adams Park, Roslindale, Massachusetts", as follows:

American Chain Link Fence Co., 24 Ship Avenue, Medford....	$ 1,547.00
P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston	1,640.50
Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., 80 Federal Street, Boston .... (Wickwire Spencer Steel Division)	1,640.50
Boston Chain Link Fence Co., 350 Adams St., Dorchester ...	1,649.00
Yeomans-O'Connell Co., 353 Washington Street, Brighton....	1,649.00

VOTED, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, American Chain Link Fence Co., 24 Ship Avenue, Medford, for the approximate sum of $1,547.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, 1-31-14 (Park and Playground Improvements, etc.).

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CONTRACTS (Cont.)

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Tuesday, May 15, 1951 at 2:00 o'clock P. M., for "Grading and Sanding L Street Bathing Beach, South Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Highland Sand & Gravel Co., 266 Baker St., W. Roxbury	$3,300.00
Faletra Bros., Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	3,940.00

VOTED, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lower of the two bidders, Highland Sand & Gravel Company, 266 Baker Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $3,300.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc.", (1-31-14).

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, May 15, 1951, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Construction of Play Area at Wall Street, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Faletra Bros., Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	$ 6,924.20
Dale Construction Co., P.O.Box 104, Chestnut Hill 67,Mass.	9,066.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	11,045.50
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St.,Jamaica Plain.	11,417.00
D. A. Rossano Construction Co., 401 Border St., E. B.	12,616.20

VOTED, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Faletra Bros., Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park, Massachusetts, for the approximate sum of $6,924.20, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc." (1-31-14).

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, on Tuesday, May 15, 1951 at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Construction of Play Area at Poplar and Chambers Streets, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Faletra Bros., Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	$ 9,361.00
Dale Construction Co., P. O. Box 104, Chestnut Hill	10,770.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	12,732.50
Walter Reed Corp., 1078 Boylston Street, Boston	12,840.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., J. P.	13,590.00
D. A. Rossano Construction Co., 401 Border St., E.B.	13,947.50

VOTED, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Faletra Bros., Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park, for the approximate sum of $9,361.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc." (1-31-14).

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Friday, May 25, 1951, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing Glen Lane, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts", as follows:

Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston	$19,385.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston	19,395.00
S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston	19,897.50
Adams Asphalt Co., 53 Blanche Street, Cambridge	21,490.00

VOTED, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Central Construction Company, 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $19,385.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, 1-23-19, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways (Park Department).

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VOTED, with the approval of the Mayor, to award a contract without advertising for bids to The Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn Street, Arlington, for spraying trees in all sections of the city for a total cost

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not to exceed $10,000. The Company is to furnish a truck with a hydraulic sprayer and three men to operate same, at a price of $9.25 per hour. The spray material, either arsenate of lead or D. D. T., will be furnished by the Park Department. The total cost will be charged to the special appropriation 1-31-43, "Dutch Elm Disease, Spraying, Removing, Etc.".

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VOTED, to award a contract a contract without advertising for bids to Eastern Tree and Landscape Corporation for the Spraying of Large Tree Areas in the City by Aeroplane", at a cost not to exceed $1600, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of", (1-31-43).

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VOTED, to approve extensions of time on the following contracts:

F. C. Dolan & Sons Co., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain - "Construction of a Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts", - to June 15, 1951.

John F. Shea Co., Inc., 41 Hollingsworth St., Mattapan, - "Construction of Animal Sheds at the Elk Range, Franklin Park Zoo", - to June 15, 1951.

William P. Capone, 25 Hillock St., Roslindale, - "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.", - to June 15, 1951.

Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale - "Drainage and Grading at the George Wright Golf Course, West Roxbury", - to May 15,1951

Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Commonwealth Avenue", - to June 15, 1951.

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The Board was informed that permission had been received from His Honor the Mayor for the expenditure, by the Park Department, of the sum of $10,000 for the purchase of animals for the Franklin Park Zoo, wherever and whenever the department is able to obtain them and without advertising for bids or issuing the usual purchase order. Payment is to be made upon delivery through a departmental invoice form, the cost to be charged to the special appropriation, "Franklin Park Zoo, Rehabilitation Of" (1-31-21).

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The Board was informed that approval was received from His Honor the Mayor for the expenditure of $1500 from the income of the Randidge Trust Fund, for the transportation of children by bus and train to and from Boston and the Cummings Estate in Woburn for the purpose of planting and caring for vegetable gardens, under a program sponsored by the School Department, during the season of 1951.

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PLAYGROUND MATTERS

The following City Council Order was read by the Secretary:

> "That the Park Commission be requested,through His Honor the Mayor, to name the new playground on Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, bounded by Bruce Street and Russett Road, Ward 20, in honor of the late Henry Gillen, a veteran of World War I, in recognition of his many years of activity in bringing happiness and pleasure into the lives of thousands of children throughout our city and state".
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> In City Council April 23, 1951. Passed.

As this land is not, as yet, in the custody of the Park Department, the Board instructed the Chief Engineer to request the Street Commissioners to make the necessary taking.

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The Board was informed that approval had been received from the United

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States Department of Commerce National Production Authority for the construction of a field house on the Barry Playground, Charlestown, which will cost in excess of the $5000 limit placed by the Authority on certain types of new construction work. It is expected that approval will also be received for the construction of a field house on the William Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester.

The Board, therefore, approved a request on His Honor the Mayor for an appropriation of approximately $100,000 to provide funds for the erection of the above-mentioned buildings.

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LICENSE APPROVALS

VOTED, to approve refreshment permits to the following vendors:

Carnig Ice Cream Co., 877 Washington Street, Boston - permit to sell ice cream, candy, etc., at 19 park locations during the year May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1952, at $25 per location. Total, $475.00.

Massachusetts State Ice Cream Co., 267 Harrison Avenue, Boston, - permit to sell ice cream, candy, etc., at 6 park locations during the year May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1952, at $25 per location, Total $150.00

John F. Shea, 129 Norfolk Street, Dorchester, - permit to sell ice cream, candy, etc., from his own temporary stand in front of the L Street Bath House, South Boston, from May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1952 . . . . $ 50.00

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VOTED: to approve the renewal of license to the Mills Automatic Merchandising Corporation for the maintenance of weighing machines in Park Department buildings for a period of three years from July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1954, at an annual fee of $350.00.

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VETERANS' BURIAL RIGHTS

Since the meeting of April 16, 1951 the City Council Order permitting the burial in Mount Hope Cemetery of veterans of the Korean action has been further amended as follows:

> ORDERED: That the original order passed by the City Council on May 10, 1920 and amended on June 3, 1940, November 9, 1942 and March 19, 1951, authorizing the Board of Cemetery Trustees to set aside a suitable lot now known as World War Veterans' Lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, be herewith further amended to include the burial of all residents of Boston who shall have served in the active service of the Armed Forces of the United States on or after June 25, 1950 or prior to said date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential Proclamation or concurring resolution of the Congress; and their dependents, in the same order of priority and under the same provisions as specified for veterans of World Wars I and II.
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> In City Council May 21, 1951. Passed. Approved by the Mayor May 22, 1951.

VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners (who also serve as the Board of Cemetery Trustees) provide burial rights in the veterans' lot in Mount Hope Cemetery as authorized in the foregoing City Council Order.

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CASTLE ISLAND REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGE

The Board discussed the matter of the license for the refreshment privilege at Castle Island recently assigned to Benjamin Slawsby from the estate of James P. Hoar, Mr. Slawsby having informed the Board, prior to the meeting, that he does not now care to operate the concession and wishes to be relieved of the obligation.

After consultation with a representative of the Law Department who was present at the meeting to advise the Board on the legal aspects of this matter, the Board voted to release Mr. Slawsby from his agreement.

The Board then considered the application of Mary M. Sullivan, 9 Highland Street, Roxbury, for award of this concession and it was

> VOTED:(1) That the City of Boston, Licensor under a license to James P. Hoar, 1662 Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts, dated May 1, 1948 as amended by an instrument dated September 28, 1948, and further amended by an instrument dated April 17, 1951 by which the license was assigned to Benjamin Slawsby, does hereby consent to a reassignment of the right to use certain areas on Castle Island as described in said license by Benjamin Slawsby of 38 Hartmann Road, Newton, to Mary M. Sullivan of 9 Highland Street, Roxbury, said reassignment being dated May 31, 1951.
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> (2) That the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to notify the parties to said reassignment of the contents of this vote.

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LAND OPPOSITE SEARS-ROEBUCK CO.

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The Board resumed the discussion, begun during the meeting of April 16 regarding the proposed sale of land on Brookline Avenue, between Park Drive and the Fenway, to Sears-Roebuck Co. A member of the Law Department was present to advise the Board on certain legal questions relating to the matter.

No action was taken.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

VOTED, to accept the following personnel changes in the department:

Resignations: John J. Corumbo, Emilio Battista, William McLean, Paul M. Donovan, Joseph W. Sullivan, Jr. All accepted other positions.

Transferred: Thomas J. Sullivan, laborer, to Public Works Department 4.25.51

Retirement: Constant Albrecht, teamster, as of April 17, 1951. Harris W. Dauphinee retired as of May 15, 1951.

Died: John H. Murray, chauffeur, on May 21, 1951.

Discharged: Manuel Salamanca, laborer, as of May 24, 1951.

Step-Rate Salary Increases

Patrick Burke, Collector, $3300-$3400; Margaret Carley, stenographer, $3300-$3400 ; Katherine Fitzgerald, stenographer-bookkeeper, $3500-$3600; William Glennon, Supervisor, $3400-$3500; Mary Hagerty, clerk, $3300-$3400; Catherine Hughes, stenographer-bookkeeper, $3300-$3400; Dennis O'Leary, Asst. Supervisor, $3300-$3400; Helen Sheehan, stenographer, $3300-$3400; Martin F. Walsh, general foreman, $3800-$3900; -- all as of January 1, 1951.

John Hardiman, physical instructor, $3200-$3300, Jan. 3, 1951; Anthony Segadelli, physical instructor, $3200-$3300, March 21, 1951; William Collins and Charles J. Guiney, foreman, $3500-$3600, as of May 10, 1951.

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Changes in Ratings & Salary Increases

Joseph O. Cabana, laborer to gardener, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
Clifford Deardorff, chauffeur to painter, $53.25 to $56.25 week.
Richard Fitzgerald, laborer to chauffeur, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
Domenico Gizzi, laborer to mason, $50.25 to $56.25 week.
Edward J. Hayes, laborer to zoo attendant, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
Frederick Kavaney, laborer to plumber's helper, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
Charles Mancuso, laborer to gardener, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
Francis J. O'Brien, laborer to carpenter, $50.25 to $56.25 week.
James P. Reardon, laborer to painter, $50.25 to $56.25 week.
Thomas J. Waldron, laborer to gardener, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
John F. Murphy, chauffeur to machinist, $53.25 to $56.25 week.
Irving Wait, laborer to chauffeur, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
George W. Murdoch, Asst. Greenkeeper to Greenkeeper, $3300 to $3400 year, effective April 25, 1951.
Pasquale Lanza, laborer to chauffeur, $50.25 to $53.25 week.
John J. Butler, foreman of laundry, from $3300 to $3400 year, effective May 19, 1951.

Appointments:

Permanent Laborers: Joseph J. Forte; James J. DeLuca; Richard T. Ford; Hyman Smokler; Edward A. Allen; John J. Moran;

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The meeting adjourned at 1^{15} P.M.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

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July 3,1951.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

VOTED, to approve the following special drafts:

William P. Capone - 1st payment - "Concrete Liners and Grading at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury"	$ 9,058.90
James B. Rendle Co. - 1st payment - "Reconstruction of Pile and Timber Fences, L Street Bath House, South Boston, Massachusetts"	5,050.96
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment:	
June 7, 1951...Park Div....	361.88
Cem. Div....	45.62
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - 1st pmt. - "Airplane Spraying of Large Tree Areas in Parks and Cemeteries",	1,354.05
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - 1st payment - "Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets".........	3,302.25
American Chain Link Fences at Irving W. Adams Park, Roslindale, Massachusetts"	1,294.84
Central Construction Co. - 1st payment - "Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston"	20,452.37

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Special Drafts (Cont.)

F. C. Dolan & Sons Co. - 1st payment - "Construction of Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts"	$27,075.41
Drummey-Duffill, Inc. - 3rd payment - "Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed Shelter, Sanitary and Tool House at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Mass."	351.98
Walter Reed Corporation - 2nd payment - "Asphalt Surfacing of Roads and Walks in Franklin Park, W. Roxbury" . . .	10,360.85

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Boston Common Garage

The matter of a further extension of the agreement for the proposed garage under Boston Common, from June 30, 1951, was brought before the Board. Corporation Counsel William L. Baxter met with the Board and discussed with the members a new agreement to be executed with Motor Park, Inc., regarding stipulations and conditions relating to the construction of the garage and tunnels and approaches thereto.

No action was taken on the matter.

See file Contract - Common Garage 7/2/51

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Building Permits

VOTED, to approve the following building permits which were referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

203 Commonwealth Avenue - Installation of Marley cooling tower on roof.
344 Commonwealth Avenue - Application filed to legalize the occupancy as seven apartments and doctor's office.
1055 Commonwealth Avenue - Alterations to building.

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Parkman Fund

VOTED, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $39,000 which is available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on Jan. 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $39,000.00

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on June 26, 1951, for "Re-roofing of Locker Building at Franklin Field, Dorchester, Massachusetts", as follows:

John F. Shea Company, Inc., 41 Hollingsworth St., Mattapan...	$ 4,678.00
Patrick J. Sullivan, 60 Cohasset Street, Roslindale	4,900.00
A & D Callahan Co., 667 E. Fourth Street, So. Boston	5,773.00
Corona Construction Co., 32 So. Margin Street, Boston	7,034.00
W. E. Smith Co., 111 Terrace Street, Roxbury	7,985.00

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, John F. Shea Company, Inc., for the sum of $4,678.00, to be charged to Park Department budget item 265.

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Contracts (Cont.)

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on June 19, 1951, for "Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	$38,916.25
J. F. White Contracting Co., 201 Alewife Brook Pkwy.Camb.	50,410.00
Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	51,546.50
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	54,068.75
William P. Capone, 25 Hillock Street, Roslindale	58,783.50
Charles Callahan Co., 69 Zeigler Street, Roxbury	156,054.50

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale, for the approximate sum of $38,916.25, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue", 1-31-14.

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VOTED, to approve the award of an architect's contract to William W. Drummey, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, for architectural services required in the preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed new field house and locker building at the William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown.

The architect's fee will be approximately $3300, or 6% of an estimated construction cost of $55,000.

This contract was awarded without advertising for bids as architects' fees are established at a standard rate and therefore nothing could be gained by advertising.

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VOTED, to approve the award of an architect's contract to William W. Drummey, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, for architectural services required in preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed new field house and locker building at the William Gary Walsh Playground, Gallivan Boulevard and Washington Street, Dorchester.

The architect's fee will be approximately $3300, or 6% of an estimated construction cost of $55,000.

This contract was awarded without advertising for bids as architects' fees are established at a stand rate and therefore nothing could be gained by advertising.

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Extension of time on contracts

VOTED TO APPROVE:

Extension of time to July 15, 1951 for completion of contract for "Construction of a Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts". Contractor - F. C. Dolan & Son, Inc.

Extension of time to July 1, 1951 for completion of contract for "Asphalt Surfacing of Roads and Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass.",- contractor, Walter Reid Corp.

Extension of time to July 30, 1951 for completion of contract for "Reconstruction of Pile and Timber Fences, L Street Bath House, South Boston, Massachusetts". Contractor, James B. Rendle Company.

Extension of time to July 15, 1951 for completion of contract for "Construction of By-Pass Roadway between Park Drive and Riverway, Boston, Massachusetts". Contractor, J. F. White Contracting Co.

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Land Taking

VOTED, to approve an authorization to the Board of Street Commissioners (Street Laying-Out Department) to make a taking of a parcel of land at the corner of Vincent Road and Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway now under control of the Park Department, containing 320 square feet, for the purpose of extending Vincent Road from Morey Road to Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway.

Said parcel is indicated on a plan entitled, "City of Boston, Vincent Road, West Roxbury, May 16, 1951, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".

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Reconstruction of St. Paul St.
Town of Brookline

The Town of Brookline informed the Board of Park Commissioners that it proposes to reconstruct St. Paul Street as a Chapter 90 project by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. The town proposes to widen the roadway by moving the curbstone back four feet on each side, which necessitates relocating the curbstone and regrading and resurfacing the street in Boston at Commonwealth Avenue. Approval of the Board of Park Commissioners was requested.

VOTED, that approval be granted to the Town of Brookline as requested.

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Right-of-Way for Natural Gas Pipe Line
Mary P. C. Cummings Estate

The Board discussed with the Chief Engineer of the Department the present status of proposed natural gas pipe line through the Mary P. C. Cummings Estate...and the difficulties in the way of granting an easement presented by Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1950.

The amount of damages which the City should request, if the proposed pipe line is laid through the Cummings Estate, is under consideration by the Law Department of the City.

No action on the matter was taken by the Board.

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Order for Hippopotamus for Zoo

As a result of a controversey relative to the purchase of a hippopotamus for the Franklin Park Zoo, which was never ordered by this department, the following telegrams were exchanged:

Received by this department from dealer:

1951 Jun 15 AM 6 55, Lt. Franklyn Park Zoo--BSN.
Advise Councilman Ansel Hippo for you being shipt this month.
Delay due Rainy Weather.
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Reply by this department:

July 2, 1951. Please be advised no one has authority to order any animal for the Fr. Pk. Zoo City of Boston, Massachusetts, except the Boston Park Department and we have not placed any order with you for Hippo or any other animal. If you have received order for animal the City of Boston will not honor payment.

The Board voted to support the action of the Chairman in refusing to accept responsibility for the above-mentioned order for purchase of a hippopotamus for the zoo.

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Personnel Matters

Permanent Appointments: Helen C. Dunn as Recreation Leader General at $1900 per year with step-rate of $100 per year to maximum of $2800 per year. Effective June 6, 1951.

Sophie Springer, Alice V. Bebo, Margaret F. O'Donnel, Mary E. Gillis, Esther R. Davis, Maude M. Lee, as matrons effective May 24, 1951.

John C. Harrison, Jartin J. Lennon, William J. McIntyre, Louis T. Sanseverino, Louis Scanzillo, William R. Shea, John Albanese, as laborers effective June 26, 1951.

Salary Increases Russell L. Grant, head animal keeper, from $3100 to $3600 per year; and Thomas J. Veasey, assistant head animal keeper, from $3000 to $3200 per year effective May 30, 1951.

Reinstatements: James T. Kelly, who resigned on April 10, 1951 because of ill health, reinstated to position as zoo attendant at $58.25 per week effective June 27, 1951.

Anthony Segadelli, physical instructor, on leave of absence since June 13, 1951 because of ill health, reinstated June 20, 1951.

Frederick J. DeCosta, on leave to attend Stockbridge School of Agriculture since October 3, 1950, reinstated on May 2, 1951 with promotion from laborer to tree climber.

Transfer: John F. Keane transferred from Public Works Department to Park Department as Auto Mechanic with wages of $56.25 per week.

Retirement: James E. McDonald, lifeguard & helper, retired effective as of June 20, 1951.

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Contracts (Cont.)

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on June 19, 1951, for "Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at Various Playgrounds, Boston, Mass.", as follows:

Colorado Fuel & Iron Corporation
(Wickwire Spencer Steel Division)
80 Federal Street, Boston . . . .$ 10,323.35

P. J. Dinn & Company
278 Dover Street, Boston 10,513.75

American Chain Link Fence Co.,
24 Ship Avenue, Medford, Mass. 10,966.70

VOTED, to approve award of contract to the second bidder, P. J. Dinn & Company for the approximate sum of $10,513.75.

The reason for awarding the contract to the second bidder is that the low bidder, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corporation, did not comply with the advertised requirements, one of which stated that the bidder must place with the City a certified check. This concern submitted a bid bond and the Law Department ruled that such a bond does not satisfy the advertised requirements. Accordingly, the Board voted to award the contract to the next lowest bidder.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1^{30} P M

Secretary

August 6, 1951.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held today at this office, 33 Beacon Street, to take action on the matter of the acceptance of custodial care and control of the Porter recreational area and stadium in East Boston, even though the project has not been fully completed.

Commissioners Kelley and Haffenreffer being present and Commissioner Lee having waived notice, it was

> VOTED, to accept custodial care and control of the Porter recreational area and stadium in East Boston.

In accepting custodial care of this area the Board has taken into consideration the promise of William F. Callahan, Commissioner of Public Works of the Commonwealth, to make certain changes and improvements in the area, as per his communication of August 1, 1951. On August 6 the Board replied to Mr. Callahan's communication and among other items relative to this matter stated that,

> "In accepting the control and custody of the area it is to be distinctly understood that by this action the Board is not relinquishing care and control of either the World War Memorial Park or William Amerena Playground, said areas to remain in custody of the City of Boston until conveyances are made as provided by a contract executed on July 27, 1949 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston pursuant to Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1949."

Secretary

August 22, 1951

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioner Joseph Lee.

Voted, to dispense with the reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Voted, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

Highland Sand & Gravel Co. - 1st pmt. - Grading and Sanding L Street Bathing Beach, South Boston	$ 2,218.22
Central Construction Co. - 1st pmt. - Sheet Asphalt Surfacing Glen Lane, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass.	15,837.62
James B. Rendle Co. - 2nd pmt. - Reconstruction of Pile and Timber Fences, L Street Bath House, South Boston	10,335.08
John F. Shea Company - 1st pmt. - Construction of Animal Sheds at the Elk Range, Franklin Park Zoo	4,283.57
Carriere Construction Co. - 3rd & final pmt. - Drainage and Grading at the George Wright Golf Course, W.Rox.	1,234.41
J. F. White Contracting Co. - 2nd pmt. - Construction of By-Pass Roadway between Park Drive and Riverway	13,519.60
Faletra Bros. Inc., Inc. - Construction of Play Area at Wall Street, Boston, Massachusetts	3,427.41
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - Final Pmt. - Airplane Spraying of Large Tree Areas in Parks and Cemeteries	238.95
Central Construction Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Sheet Asphalt Surfacing on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	3,609.24
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expense account for Park and Cemetery Division Employees, Aug. 7,1951,	
Park Division	348.34
Cem. Division	44.65
American Chain Link Fence Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at Irving W. Adams Park, Roslindale	228.50
John F. Shea Company, Inc. - 3rd & final pmt. - Construction of Animal Sheds at the Elk Range, Franklin Park Zoo	1,461.60
William P. Capone - 2nd pmt. - Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.	4,786.14
Superior Tree Service Inc. - 2nd pmt. - Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets	5,189.25
William W. Drummey - 1st pmt. - Architectural Services for Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at the William Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester	990.00
William W. Drummey - 1st pmt. - Architectural Services for Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown	990.00
P. J. Dinn & Co. - 1st pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at Various Playgrounds, Boston, Mass.	2,148.44
Central Construction Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Sheet Asphalt Surfacing Glen Lane, Franklin Park, W. Roxbury	2,794.87
Highland Sand & Gravel Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Grading and Sanding L Street Bathing Beach, South Boston	497.33
Faletra Bros. Inc. - 2nd pmt. - Construction of Play Area at Poplar and Chambers Streets, Boston, Mass.	3,154.18
William P. Capone - 3rd & final pmt. - Concrete Liners and Grading at Mount Hope Cemetery, W. Roxbury	2,443.24
Walter Reed Corp - 3rd & final pmt. - Asphalt Surfacing of Roads and Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury	5,104.68

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Permits

Voted, to approve the following building permits referred to Park Department by the Building Department:

184-188 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from eight apartments and apartment hotel to eight apartments and lodging house. Request of Abbotsford Realty Co.

5 Braemore Road - Change occupancy from 18 apartments to 21 apartments. Request of Morris Gordon.

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8/22/51

Parkman Fund

Voted, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he request the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $20,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement Of, ...	$20,000.00

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday, July 17, 1951, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for "Constructing a Park at Malden and Washington Streets, Boston, Massachusetts", as follows:

F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain....	$ 8,752.50
Joseph P. McCabe, Inc., 509 E. First Street, So. Boston.....	9,122.50
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge, Mass.......	9,252.50
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	9,650.00
Littlefield Wyman Nurseries, 227 Centre Avenue, Abington....	9,742.00
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	9,830.00

Voted, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, F. C. Dolan & Sons Inc., for the approximate sum of $8,752.50, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park, South End District (Park Department) 3-31-11".

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Voted, to approve award of contract to William W. Drummey, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, for "ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISION", in connection with alterations and repairs to Park Department buildings in the Back Bay Yard. The architect's fee is 10% of the amount of the construction contract, or an approximate sum of $1600, to be charged to Park Department budget item 232.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on August 21, 1951, for "CONCRETE LINERS AND GRADING AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK, MASS.", and EVERGREEN CEMETERY, BRIGHTON, MASS."

Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park,.......	$ 6,693.20
William P. Capone, 25 Hillock Street, Roslindale	6,957.10
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale..	7,328.00
Joseph Capone & Son, 380 Beech Street, Roslindale	8,610.00
T. D. Sullivan & Sons Co., 114 Dedham Street, Newton	10,310.00
N. Bavlacqua & Son, 10 Taft Hill Terrace, Roslindale	11,488.00

Voted, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, Faletra Bros. Inc., for the sum of $6693.20, to be charged to the special appropriation, 33-26 Cemetery Division.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on August 21, 1951, for "REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD OR DISEASED TREES IN SOUTH BOSTON DISTRICT, BOSTON, MASS.", as follows:

Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn St., Arlington..	$ 8,580.00
Fred Ralston & Company, 22 Linden Street, Allston.........	9,108.00
Blueview Nurseries, 32 Gaston Street, Roxbury	10,735.50
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp., 280 Bridge St., Dedham..	11,352.00

Voted, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, Superior Tree Service Inc., for the sum of $8,580.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of", appropriation number 1-31-43.

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Contracts (Cont.)

Voted, to approve certain minor changes in basic drawings and outline specifications in architect's contract for Field House and Sanitary Building at William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, as recommended by Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., after consultation with architect, and as approved by Chairman Frank R. Kelley. The architect's contract was approved at Board meeting of July 3, 1951.

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Voted, to approve certain minor changes in basic drawings and outline specifications in architect's contract for Field House and Sanitary Building at William Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester, as recommended by Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., after consultation with architect, and as approved by Chairman Frank R. Kelley. The architect's contract was approved at Board meeting of July 3, 1951

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Voted, to approve the following additions to contract of F. C. Dolan & Son, Inc., 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, for "CONSTRUCTION OF A COMBINATION SHELTER AND SANITARY BUILDING AT THE CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN", as follows:

(a)	Construction of entrance driveway 10 ft. wide and 345 ft. long; and parking area 100 ft. long by 40 ft. wide, both areas to have asphalt surfaces.........	$ 2,850.42
(b)	Construction of a 5-foot deep, C. I. frame, brick catch-basin, with a 10-inch drain line approximately 450 feet long	1,480.66
(c)	Additional depth of concrete footings and extra excavation work	1,298.86
(d)	Furnishing and installing four additional 4-inch Lally Columns	494.29
(e)	Drilling of the well an additional 72 feet and supplying of a 1500-gallon pressure tank, a three-horse-power pump, a magnetic tank and other controls	2,092.42
	Total additions.......	$ 8,216.65
	Original contract	33,598.00
	Contract as standing..	$41,814.65

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North End Swimming Pool

Under date of July 25, 1951 plans submitted by the George Robert White Fund Trustees were approved for the construction of a swimming pool in North End Park. The architect is John M. Gray. The White Fund Trustees will construct the swimming pool and, upon completion, will turn it over to the control and management of the Park Department.

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Use of Playground at Nashua,
Lowell, Leverett & Brighton Sts.

Voted, to approve request of C. J. Maney Company for use, for storage purposes, of playground area bordered by Nashua, Lowell, Leverett and Brighton Streets. The greater part of this area comes within the scope of the Maney company's contract with the Department of Public Works for a section of Boston Central Artery, their contract being for the substructure of the central artery.

The permit is granted for a period as long as required by the Maney company, unless conditions unforeseen at present require its cancellation by the Board of Park Commissioners.

The area required is shown in red and yellow on plan entitled, "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston Central Artery and Connections, Section 1, Embankment Road Connection".

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8/22/51

Franklin Field Housing Area

The Boston Housing Authority submitted an offer to the Board of Park Commissioners of $161,750 as a purchase price for the Franklin Field area required for the site of permanent housing. This is the same area which is now the site of the temporary housing project. The price offered is at the rate of approximately 15 cents per square foot.

The Board of Park Commissioners then engaged the services of Edward W. O'Hearn, realtor, to make an appraisal of the property. He estimates that the land is worth 30 cents per square foot, or a total value of $331,515.60.

After consideration of the matter, the Board

Voted, to assent to the sale of the property described above to the Boston Housing Authority at a price of 25 cents per square foot, or for a total sum of $276,263, that being deemed a fair value, and the Chairman was instructed to submit this price to the Boston Housing Authority.

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Land adjacent to Barry Playground offered by Glendale Coal Company

The Glendale Coal Company, of Charlestown, has offered to the Park Department for the sum of $85,000 an area of approximately 43,500 square feet of land located along the entire west side of the William J. Barry Playground from Medford Street to the Mystic River.

The Chief Engineer and the Chairman of the Park Department and members of the Planning Board made an inspection of the property and, after a conference with the Mayor, it was decided that the property was not needed by the city for enlargement of the Barry Playground as it would add only a small area to the narrow end of the playground, and because the purchase and development of this small area would cost about $145,000.

Voted, to refuse the offer of the Glendale Coal Company for sale of the above-mentioned land.

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Land Takings

Atherton Avenue, Hyde Park: Notice has been received that the Board of Street Commissioners has approved an award of $500.00 for 9488 square feet of land taken in fee on Atherton Avenue, Hyde Park, for extension of Fairview Cemetery. The award was made to Aloysius V. Halpin of 17 Winslow Street, Hyde Park. Notice of this proposed action was called to the attention of the Park Commissioners in meeting of April 16, 1951.

Voted, to accept the above-mentioned tract of land for extension of Fairview Cemetery and to pay the sum of $500 to Aloysius V. Halpin from special funds of the Cemetery Division.

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Land at 39 Holyoke Street

Notice was received from the City Clerk that a parcel of foreclosed tax title property containing about 1589 square feet of land on the northerly side of Holyoke Street, being numbered 39 Holyoke Street, is transferred from the care, custody, control and management of the Chairman, Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care, custody, control and management of the Park Department for the purposes of a "Kiddies' Play Area". Passed in City Council July 9, 1951 and approved by the Mayor July 10, 1951.

Voted, to accept above-mentioned parcel of land for development as a play area.

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8/22/51

Request for Land Taking between 239 and 249 Dover St.

With the opening of new Fire Department headquarters on Southampton Street, the Fire Department abandoned its old base of operations on Bristol Street including its boiler room, which also supplied heat and power for the Park Department bath house and laundry on Dover Street. The Fire Department property is to be sold at public auction.

The Park Department must now build its own boiler room and requires land for this purpose. The Chairman has asked the Real Estate Division to transfer from the Fire Department a parcel of vacant land between 239 and 249 Dover Street containing 2360 square feet, as a site for a proposed boiler room. The City Council and the Mayor will have to approve this transfer.

Voted, to approve the action of the Chairman in his efforts to acquire the above-mentioned parcel of land for a power room site.

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Hopedale Area- Playground Site

Voted, to approve a request on the Real Estate Commission to transfer a parcel of land in the Brighton district, in the Hopedale, Seattle, Sorrento Streets and Parker Avenue area, containing about 43,584 square feet, to the Park Department for playground purposes.

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Driveway - Chronic Disease Hospital

Voted, to grant a request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, for permission to construct an entrance and egress drive from the Main Entrance of the New Chronic Disease Hospital to the Forest Hills Entrance Drive in Franklin Park, and for the necessary easement from the lot line of the hospital to the road. The road is to be used by private automobiles only.

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Hancock Property - VFW Parkway

The Board was notified by the Secretary that a photostatic copy of taking by the Board of Street Commissioners of land for playground purposes on the southerly side of Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, dated July 20, 1951, had been received at the Park Department office. The taking was approved by the Board of Park Commissioners in meeting of October 17, 1950, at a purchase price of $11,000. Land contains about 300,000 square feet and is bounded by Russett Road, Bruce Street, Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway and Weld Street.

In meeting of January 4, 1951, the Board voted to take no immediate action for the development of this property as a play area but to hold it for future needs.

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REFRESHMENT PERMITS

Voted, to approve the granting of a permit to Nicholas Sullo of 85 Lubec Street, East Boston, to sell ice cream, tonic and candy at World War Memorial Park, East Boston, for the 1951 season beginning July 30, at a fee of $25.00.

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Voted, to approve the granting of a permit to the Mass. State Ice Cream Company, 267 Harrison Avenue, Boston, to sell ice cream, candies, etc., at McConnell Park near Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester, from August 8, 1951 up to and including April 30, 1952. In return for this permit, the Mass. State Ice Cream Company agrees to discontinue the sale of ice cream, candies, etc., at Columbus Park Stadium, South Boston, which location was included in permit to this company dated May 1, 1951.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Voted, to approve the following personnel changes in salary, rating, etc., and to place on file notices of retirements and deaths of employees:

Step-rate Salary Increases

William B. Fitzgerald, Landscape Inspector, from $2900 to $3000 per year.
Arthur A. English, General Foreman, from $3700 to $3800 per year.
Walter Shaughnessy, Foreman, $3100 to $3200 per year.
Louise Kennedy, Asst. Supervisor of Recreation, $2700 to $2800 per year.
Kay Reid, Asst. Supervisor of Recreation, $2700 to $2800 per year.
George T. Connell, Harry Robinson, William H. Cronan, Frank M. Caswell, and James J. O'Brien, Supervisors of Physical Instructors, from $3600 to $3700 per year.

Daniel Cocuzzo, Gr. 2 Engineer, from $2900 to $3000 per year.
Frank W. Clark, Gr. 2 Engineer, to $56.78 per week.
Ernest Trowbridge, Civil Engineer, to $49.11 per week.
Daniel J. McCarthy, custodian, $2800 to $2900 per year.

Harry L. Maguire, Jr., from Tree Surgeon at $61.25 per week to Foreman in Charge of Trees at $62.53 per week.

Salary Increase:

William J. Glennon, Supervisor of Projects, from $3500 to $3900 per year, effective July 4, 1951.

Reinstatement:

James T. Kelly, Zoo Attendant, reinstated on June 27, 1951.

Appointments (Permanent)

Joseph R. Hynes, permanently appointed as Assistant Secretary of department, effective July 10, 1951, after qualifying examination.

Appointment of seven permanent laborers.

Military Leave:

Paul Keeley, Laborer, granted military leave for indefinite period from July 15, 1951.

Retirements

James E. McDonald, Stockman, retired by Boston Retirement Board.
Ella F. Goss, Matron, retired August 31, 1951.
Arthur P. Sullivan, Golf Course Worker, retired August 8, 1951.
Margaret McCullough, Matron, retired July 31, 1951.
Della A. Powers, Matron, retired July 31, 1951.

Deceased

William B. Fitzgerald, Landscape Inspector, died August 1, 1951.
James A. Keegan, Custodian, died July 31, 1951.
James F. McLaughlin, Laborer, died August 8, 1951.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 o'clock p. m.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary

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Discussion Matters

The Board was informed that a survey was made by the Chairman and Chief Engineer to determine the advisability of constructing a swimming pool in Franklin Park, near the George Robert White Stadium.

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The Board was informed that no action has been taken as yet, by the Boston Housing Authority, on the effer of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell the Franklin Field area for $276,273. The latest report from the Housing Authority, dated October 8, is that the matter was still under consideration.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1 p. m.

Arthur J O'Keefe
Secretary

December 6, 1951

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Drummey-Duffill Inc. - Fourth estimate of work done and material furnished on Preparation of Plans and Specifications for proposed shelter, Sanitary and Tool House at Cummings Estate	$ 137.25
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for miscellaneous supplies in connection with their employment:	
Oct. 5, 1951...Park Division	307.88
Cem. "	28.40
Nov. 5, 1951...Park "	418.91
Cem. "	40.35
Drummey-Duffill Inc. - Fifth and final payment under contract for proposed shelter, sanitary and tool house at the Cummings Estate	1,095.65
Carriere Construction Co. - Second payment under contract for Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston, Mass., ...	7,948.80
Third payment under above contract	2,414.40
F. C. Dolan & Sons Co. - Third and final payment under contract for Construction of a Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate	4,181.47
P. J. Dinn & Co. - Second payment under contract for Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences at Various Playgrounds, Boston	6,671.78
Faletra Bros. Inc. - Fourth and final payment under contract for Construction of Play Area at Poplar and Chambers Streets, Boston	1,249.80

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Faletra Bros. Inc. - First payment under contract for Concrete Liners and Grading at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, Mass., and Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton . . . . $ 4,992.95

William W. Drummey - Second payment under contract for Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown.. $ 1,320.00

William W. Drummey - Second approximate estimate under contract for Architectural Services for Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at William J. Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester.. $ 1,320.00

S. J. Tomasello Corp. - First payment under contract for Reconstruction of Park Roadways at the Arborway, Franklin Park and Olmstead Park $25,094.74

John F. Shea Co. Inc. - Second and final payment under contract for Re-roofing of Locker Building at Franklin Field, Dorchester . . . . $ 776.70

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Building Permits

The following building permits, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department, were approved:

321 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family to lodging house and owner's residence. Request of Harold J. Ellis.

344 Commonwealth Avenue - Request filed to legalize the occupancy of eight apartments, instead of seven apartments and one doctor's office as previously approved.

Parkman Fund

VOTED, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to approve transfer of funds from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$30,000.00	Oct. 8, 1951
	$25,000.00	Nov. 8, 1951

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on October 24, 1951, for "CONSTRUCTING A SANITARY AND LOCKER BUILDING AT THE WILLIAM GARY WALSH PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER, MASS.", as follows:

Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., 30 Huntington Ave., Boston.......	$58,250.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., 75 Stedman Road, Jamaica Plain	58,611.00
Margill Constr. Co., Inc., 73 Leicester St., Brighton	59,626.00
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	59,990.00
I. Tepper & Son, 27 School Street, Boston	60,146.00
John Rugo, 149 Pleasant Street, Dorchester	61,000.00
DeStefano Construction Co., 53 State Street, Boston	64,984.00
M. Solimando, 584 Columbia Road, Dorchester	65,400.00

The lowest bid received, from Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., was disqualified for the reason that it was received at the office of the City Auditor at 2:06 p.m., six minutes after the advertised closing time for receipt of bids.

VOTED, therefore, to award the contract to the second lowest bidder, Martin

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J. Kelly Co., 75 Stedman Road, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $58,611.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and Furnishings Thereof (Park Dept.) 6-61-41".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on October 17, 1951, for "CONSTRUCTING A SANITARY AND LOCKER BUILDING AT THE WILLIAM J. BARRY PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS", as follows:

Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., 30 Huntington Ave., Boston......	$62,500.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain...	63,773.00
I. Tepper & Son, 27 School Street, Boston	64,450.00
M. Solimando, 584 Columbia Road, Dorchester	67,334.00
Parkman Construction Co., 739 Boylston Street, Boston	68,538.00
Faletra Bros., Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	68,599.79
Margill Constr. Co., Inc., 73 Leicester St., Brighton	68,910.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain...	74,994.00
Davis Constr. Co., Inc., 903 Albany Street, Roxbury	79,186.00

VOTED, subject to approval of Mayor, to award contract to the lowest bidder, Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., for approximate sum of $62,500, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Construction of Buildings, etc. (Park Dept.) 6-61-41".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on Wednesday, October 17, 1951, for "EXCAVATING AND LOAMING FOR TREE PITS ON CITY STREETS IN BOSTON", as follows:

William J. Banfield, 50 Terminal St., Charlestown	$ 2,125.00
Blueview Nurseries, 32 Gaston Street, Roxbury	2,312.50
Turnpike Construction Corp., 40 Court Street, Boston	2,437.50
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park......	3,100.00
M. Solimando, 584 Columbia Road, Dorchester	3,325.00
John F. Paino, 54 Francis Street, Waltham	3,750.00
James A. Freaney, Inc., 1 West Street, Hyde Park	4,750.00

VOTED, with approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, William J. Banfield, 50 Terminal Street, Charlestown, for the sum of $2,125.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removing, Replacing, Etc., (1-31-43)".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on Tuesday, October 9, 1951, at 2:00 p. m., for "ASPHALT SURFACING OF WALKS IN FRANKLIN PARK, WEST ROXBURY, MASS.", as follows:

Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston	$15,028.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale.	17,080.00
Rufo Construction Co., Inc., 1 Allen Road, Brighton	17,799.00
Martin J. Kelly Co.,Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain.	17,830.00
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., 358 Medford St., Charlestown..	18,781.00
Cronin & Horigan, Inc., 111 Woodhaven St., Mattapan	18,907.00
S. J. Tomasello Corporation, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston.	19,910.00
A. Singarella & Son, 22a Tremlett St., Dorchester	22,635.00

VOTED, with approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Baker & Co., Inc., for the approximate sum of $15,028.00, to be charged to the special appropriation 1-23-19, Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways.

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VOTED, with approval of the Mayor to award a contract, without advertising for bids, to Eastern Tree and Landscape Corporation, 280 Bridge Street, Dedham, for 50 Norway Maple trees at $30 per tree, this price to include planting, staking and wiring, and all trees to be 2½" to 3" caliper. Total of contract, $1500, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of" (1-31-43)".

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VOTED, with approval of the Mayor to award a contract, without advertising for bids, to Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn Street, Arlington, Massachusetts", for 131 Norway Maple trees at $30 per tree, this price to include planting, staking and wiring, and all trees to be 2½" to 3" caliper. Total of contract, $3930, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of" (1-31-43).

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VOTED, with approval of the Mayor to award a contract to American Coin Lock Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the operation of convenience stations on Boston Common.

The term of the contract is for one year with privilege of renewal for another year if both parties to the contract so desire.

As compensation the Company is to receive the sum of $2500 per year from the City and is to retain the proceeds of the coin locks, with the provision, approved by the Mayor but not made a part of the contract, that the yearly payment to the Company is to be increased if a bill now pending in the Massachusetts Legislature, which would raise the present minimum wage rate, is enacted into law.

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Contract Extensions

VOTED, to approve:-

Extension of completion date to December 10, 1951 on contract of T. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., for "Constructing a Park at Malden and Washington Streets, Boston, Massachusetts".

Extension of completion date to December 20, 1951 on contract of Superior Tree Service Inc., for "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the South Boston District, Boston, Massachusetts".

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LEASES

VOTED, with approval of the Mayor, to award a three-year agreement to William Taylor of 8 Nonantum Street, Brighton, for the golf professional's concession and sports shop concession at the George Wright Golf Course, beginning January 1, 1952 and terminating on December 31, 1954, at $50 per year.

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VOTED, with approval of the Mayor, to enter into an agreement with William H. Baldwin of 351 E. Eighth Street, South Boston, for rental of room in the L Street Bath House for the conduct of his business as a men's masseur. The term of the license begins January 1, 1952 and rental is at the rate of $100 per year.

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VOTED, with approval of the Mayor, to award a lease to John P. Burke, 43 Braeburn Road, Hyde Park, for space in the golf building at Franklin Park for cigarette and tonic vending machines, for a term of three years beginning October 1, 1951, at $100 per year.

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ABATEMENTS

VOTED, upon recommendation of the City Collector, that six small accounts in the total sum of $5.00, now appearing on the books of the Collector for moth suppression charges, be adjudged uncollectible and that they therefore be abated.

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The Board considered the request of Mrs. Mary M. Sullivan of 9 Highland Street, Roxbury, the lessee of the Castle Island Refreshment Privilege, for an abatement of $600 on the 1951 rental for this concession. The yearly rental under the lease is $1315, of which $657.50 had been paid.

In her request Mrs. Sullivan listed a number of circumstances over which she had no control that adversely affected her business. After due consideration the Board

VOTED, to grant the lessee, Mrs. Sullivan, an abatement of $400 on the unpaid 1951 rental, leaving a balance remaining of $257.50 to be paid.

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LAND TRANSFERS

Mission Hill Property: The following City Council Order was called to the attention of the Board:

> That Chapter 728 of the Acts of 1951 entitled "An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Parcels of Land on Tremont Street in the Roxbury District of Boston from the Public Welfare and Park Departments, respectively, to the Public Buildings Department of said City", be, and the same hereby is, accepted. In City Council October 29, 1951. Passed. Approved by the Mayor October 30, 1951.

The above Council Order refers to land in Roxbury known as the Mission Hill Property.

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Hyde Park District--Washington Street, Truman Highway

The Board was informed that approval was received from His Honor the Mayor for the taking of land in the Hyde Park district of Boston for playground purposes and for the appropriation of necessary funds (approximately $15,000) from the "Sales of City Land" account. The Board had voted to make a request on the Board of Street Commissioners for the taking of this land at its meeting of October 9, 1951.

The land is described as follows:

> A parcel of land bounded by Truman Highway, Washington Street, and by a line about 100 feet south from and parallel to Faraday Street, containing about 297,527 square feet, and a second parcel of land on the southerly side of Faraday Street between numbers 19 and 43, containing about 21,473 square feet.

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Dorchester District--Washington Street

VOTED, to abandon a lot of land in Boston (Dorchester district) no longer needed for park purposes, said lot to revert to the Real Estate Commission of the City of Boston. The lot is bounded and described as follows:

> Southwesterly - By land now or formerly of Susan Hickey, 100 feet; northwesterly - by land of the City of Boston, 25 feet; northeasterly - by land of the City of Boston, 100 feet; southeasterly - by Washington Street, 25 feet, containing twenty-four hundred and ninety-six (2496) square

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feet, more or less. Said lot being shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Boston (Dorchester District) Mass." Dated July 18, 1951 and signed by Walter R. Luby, Assistant Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Dept. City Hall Annex, Boston, Mass.

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Franklin Field Land

At Board meetings on August 22 and October 9, 1951, the Board discussed the matter of the sale of land in Franklin Field to the Boston Housing Authority. In order that the sale might be completed - the plot of land to be sold and the selling price having been agreed upon - the Board voted as follows:

> At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston held on the sixth day of December 1951, all members being present, it was unanimously voted that it be and hereby is determined to be the opinion of this Board that the land hereinafter described is no longer required for public purposes, to wit:
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> > Approximately one million two hundred ten thousand four hundred ninety-two (1,210,492) square feet of land, being a portion of the estate known as Franklin Field shown on a plan entitled, "City of Boston, Franklin Field, Stratton St., Dorchester, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".
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> It was further voted that the secretary be and he hereby is authorized and directed to notify the City Council of the City of Boston on behalf of the Board that in the opinion of the Board said land is no longer required for public purposes and that the Board recommends the sale of said land to the Boston Housing Authority for the sum of $165,750.

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Sears-Roebuck Land Case

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne and Secretary Arthur J. O'Keefe, who were delegated to attend court sessions on November 12, 13 and 14, 1951 relating to the Sears-Roebuck case, reported to the Board on the present status of the case. The matter concerned the protest of citizens against the proposed sale of land on Brookline Avenue, between Park Drive and the Riverway, to the Sears-Roebuck Company for use as a parking lot for the firm's customers. A decision by Judge Swift was to be given later.

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Orient Heights Recreation Center

The Chairman reported to the Board that recently he had been in consultation with Public Works Commissioner Callahan and his assistant, Mr. Matera, and that they had informed him that they were arranging for an appropriation through the Legislature for a grant of $500,000 for the erection of a new bath house in the Orient Heights section of East Boston and installation of new equipment in the recreation center, new bleachers, etc.

This action will save the City of Boston approximately $500,000 which, under the old agreement for the development of this area, would have had to be paid by the city.

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Transfer of South Boston Areas

The Chairman informed the members of the Board that a discussion was held during a meeting in the Park Department office which was attended by officials from the Boston Public Works Department, the Street Laying-Out Department, and the Metropolitan District Commission, relative to the transfer of care and custody of certain portions of Columbia Road and possibly the L Street Baths and Aquarium. No decision was reached.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Boston Common Garage

William L. Baxter, Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston, appeared before the Board and discussed with the Board the situation relating to the Boston Common underground garage at the present time. He informed the Board that it is legal for them to sign the current extension of the agreement with Motor Park Inc. which is due to expire on May 31, 1952 and which was recently granted them by the Mayor.

The Board recalled to Mr. Baxter's attention that the two previous extensions, signed in July and September of 1951, were not referred to the Board for signature. However, Mr. Baxter stated that this had no effect on the most recent extension granted to May 31, 1952.

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Garage, Back Bay Yard

The Board voted to approve a plot plan for erection of a garage in the Back Bay Service Yard, as recommended on November 16, 1951 by Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr.

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Playland - Boston Common

The Board discussed a number of recommendations for Playland as submitted by Mr. Robert Cusick, Acting Director of Recreation.

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Refreshment Stand on Common

VOTED, to grant request of the proprietor of the refreshment stand on Charles Street between the Common and the Public Garden that he be allowed to move the stand five or six feet inside on the Common, Sundays only.

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Cemetery Lots - Refund of Payment

VOTED, to refund payments to the purchasers of two lots in Mount Hope Cemetery, the lots to revert to ownership of the City of Boston, - as follows:

Mrs. Askken Alice Babigian) 159 Warren Street, Roxbury)	Grave 4R 11 Section H, purchased Oct. 31, 1951...$50.
Mrs. Mary A. Edwards,) 190 W. Brookline St., Boston)	Lot 14R 15 Spruce Grove...$50 Perpetual care .... 80 Total, $130.00.

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Personnel Matters

The following personnel matters were approved by the Board:

Appointments: John V. Gillis, Jr., tree climber at $55.25 per week, appointed October 24, 1951; Daniel J. O'Neil, Paul Gray and Michael Murphy appointed grave diggers at $55.25 per week, October 10, 1951.

Reinstatement: Francis J. Caples, swimming instructor at $2800 per year, reinstated upon return to duty from military service, October 10,1951.

Resignations: Bernard Wilkie, laborer, resigned to accept appointment in Police Department, November 13, 1951.
Michael Burke, temporary 1st class stationary fireman, resigned to accept other work, November 30, 1951.

Salary Increase: William J. Kelly, custodian, annual step-rate increase from $2800 to $2900 per year effective October 27, 1951.

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Personnel Matters (Cont.)

Salary Increases : William Hanrahan, foreman of baths, annual step-rate increase from $68.29 to $70.21 per week effective November 10, 1951.

Retirements:

Bridget May, matron, retired November 30, 1951.
Loretta Canty, matron, retired November 30, 1951.
James J. Murphy, gardener, retired November 30, 1951.

Deaths:

Harry J. Mullen, laborer, died October 27, 1951.

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The meeting was adjourned at

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary.

February 6, 1952

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11.15 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of records of the previous meeting.

VOTED, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

William J. Banfield - First payment under contract for "Excavating and Loaming for Tree Pits on City Streets in Boston, Mass."	$ 1,591.37
S. J. Tomasello Corp. - Second and final payment under contract for "Reconstruction of Park Roadways at the Arborway, Franklin Park and Olmstead Park"	4,432.98
J. D'Amigo - First payment on contract for "Constructing a Park at Commonwealth Avenue & Chiswick Road, Brighton, Mass."	3,853.90
Fred Ralston & Company - First payment under contract for "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston"	3,809.70
William J. Banfield - Second and final payment under contract for "Excavating and Loaming for Tree Pits on City Streets in Boston, Massachusetts", ...	280.83
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees required in connection with their employment . . . . . . .12.6.51, Park Div.,	312.92
Cem. Div.,	49.71
12.31.51 Park Div.,	401.33
Cem. Div.,	39.60
John Hancock Life Ins. Co. - In payment for taking of 279,808 square feet of land on VFW Parkway, Russett Road and Bruce Street, W. Roxbury, under order dated July 20, 1951	11,000.00

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Superior Tree Ser. Inc. - First payment under contract for "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in South Boston district, Boston, Mass." . . . .$ 9,116.25

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PERMITS

Voted, to approve the following permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

30 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family dwelling to lodging house - erect smoke partitions. Request of the Thirty Commonwealth Trust.

111 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from guest house and six apartments to twelve apartments. Request of Patricia L. Langenbach.

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PARKMAN FUND

Voted, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the Parkman Fund the sum of $14,595.87 available as of December 12, 1951, to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of $14,595.87

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CONTRACTS

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the Park Department office on December 26, 1951, as follows: "REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD AND DISEASED TREES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON":

Fred Ralston & Co., 22 Linden St., Allston..........	$41,310.00
Superior Tree Ser. Inc., 15 Littlejohn Street, Arlington, Mass.	45,900.00

VOTED, to approve award of contract to the low bidder, Fred Ralston & Co., 22 Linden Street, Allston, for the sum of $41,310.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Dutch Elm Disease, Spraying, Removing of Trees, Etc., 1-31-43".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the Park Department office on February 5, 1952, for "FURNISHING AND LAYING WATER PIPES IN FRANKLIN PARK, WEST ROXBURY, MASS.", as follows:

Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain...	$ 4,108.00
Z & S Construction Co., Inc., 35 Leniston St., Roslindale..	4,210.00
Susi & DiCenso Co., 60 Olney Street, Dorchester	4,305.00
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., 358 Medford St., Charlestown	4,424.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Boston	4,557.40
T. D. Sullivan & Sons Co., 114 Dedham St., Newton Hghlds...	5,010.00
James A. Freaney, Inc., 1 West Street, Hyde Park	5,392.00
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	5,595.50
Forest Hills Constr. Co., 78 Woodlawn St., Jamaica Plain ...	5,768.50
Frank DiCenso, 24 Helena Road, Dorchester	7,367.50
Underground Constr.,Inc., 429 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale...	8,005.00

VOTED, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain, for the sum of $4,108.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue, 1-31-14".

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CONTRACTS (CONT.)

Voted, to approve extension of completion dates on the following contracts:

To Sept. 1, 1952 - Alteration to the Garages at the Back Bay Service Yard. Martin J. Kelly Co., contractor.

May 15, 1952 - Constructing a Park at Commonwealth Avenue and Chiswick Road, Brighton, Mass. J. D'Amico, contractor.

May 15, 1952 - Asphalt Surfacing of Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass. Baker & Co., Inc., contractors.

May 30, 1952 - Constructing a Park at Malden and Washington Streets, Boston. F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., contractors.

June 1, 1952 - Grading and Drainage at John R. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston, Mass. Carriere Construction Co., contractors.

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VOTED, to approve amendments to contract with Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., for Construction of Sanitary and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground, as follows:

> That the completion date of the contract, which was originally to be six months after approval of the contract by the Mayor, shall be changed to six months after authorization of the work by the National Production Authority, and further, that if the National Production Authority does not authorize the construction of the work under said contract within thirty days of the execution of this amendment, the contract shall be cancelled without obligation upon either party to the contract.
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> Above amendment effective as of December 10, 1951.

This contract was further amended on January 9, 1952 by striking out the provision for construction of the work to start within thirty days of the execution of the amendment and inserting the words, "on or before February 1, 1952", and was again amended on January 29, 1952, by inserting the words, "on or before March 1, 1952".

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Voted, to approve similar amendments to contract with Martin J. Kelley Co., Inc., for Construction of a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William Gary Walsh Playground, which provide that the words, "on or before March 1, 1952", shall be inserted in contract in place of original provision as stated above.

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Legislative Bills

The attention of the Board was called to the following two bills which have been filed in the Legislative Committee on Cities:

1. House Bill No. 1174 which would release the restriction on the height of building at corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Arlington Street. Filed for past three years.
2. Bill filed by Rep. Graham would permit any building in the area bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Boylston Street, the Cragie Bridge and the Charles River to have a height of 155 feet. This area would include all buildings on Commonwealth Avenue from Arlington Street to Massachusetts Avenue.

The Board discussed the two bills informally, but no action was taken.

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LAND MATTERS

Roslindale Section. The Board voted to approve a request on the Board of Street Commissioners that a parcel of land containing approximately 250,000 square feet, located on Canterbury Street, Seymour Street and Poplar Street, Roslindale, be taken for playground purposes.

The Planning Board reports of 1948 and 1950 recommended that it be taken.

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River Street, Mattapan. The Board discussed a proposed taking of land now under the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority on River Street, Southmere Road, Ledgebrook Road and Meadowbrook Road, in the Mattapan section, for playground purposes, containing approximately 5.4 acres. No action was taken at this meeting.

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Donald McKay School Lot. The Board discussed the request of the School Committee for the return of the Donald McKay School lot in East Boston to the jurisdiction of the School Department. This lot had been placed in the custody of the Park Department by vote of the School Committee on July 16, 1942, but no legal action ever was taken to make the transfer permanent. The lot therefore remained the property of the School Department.

The Board voted that the transfer of the Donald McKay School lot to the custody of the School Department be approved and that the School Committee be informed of the Board's vote on the matter.

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Land at Nos. 4 and 5 Douglas Court. The Board voted to make a request on the Board of Real Estate Commissioners for transfer to the custody of the Park Department of a small parcel of land located at Nos. 4 and 5 Douglas Court, North End section, for development as a small children's play area.

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VETERANS' MEMORIAL--MT. HOPE CEMETERY

The Board discussed the proposal and plans submitted to the Chairman by a delegation representing various veteran organizations, for the erection of a memorial on the veterans' lot in Mount Cemetery. The estimated minimum cost of the memorial is $35,000, to be paid from the earnings of the George Robert White Fund.

The Board voted that no action be taken be taken on this matter until it can be submitted to His Honor the Mayor and his views ascertained.

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REFUND FOR GRAVE LOT

The Board voted to approve a $20.00 refund to Christine H. Steel in return for repossession by the City of Grave 6351, Section F, Mount Hope Cemetery.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Appointments

Voted, to approve appointment of Mr. David Toomey, 246 Newbury Street, Boston, to the position of Custodian of the Mary P. C. Cummings Estate in Woburn and Lexington, effective as of January 1, 1952, to replace Mr. Jerome C. Cronin who completed his services in this position on December 31, 1951. Mr. Toomey's annual salary is to be $2500, payable from the income of the Cummings Trust Fund.

Catherine F. McCluskey appointed permanent matron at $46.17 per week, effective as of January 16, 1952.

Esther A. Moynihan appointed permanent matron at $46.17 per week, Jan. 30,1952.

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William P. Callahan, Vincent P. Conlon, James A. Loftus, Joseph E. Madden, Joseph W. Sullivan, Jr., Francis X. Sullivan, appointed permanent laborers as of December 5, 1951.

Mary D. Estey and Geraldine M. Scannell, matrons, appointed Jan. 9, 1952.

Transfers:

Thomas F. Galvin, laborer, transferred from Public Works Dept., 1.23.52.
Julia M. Killoran, matron, transferred from Hospital Department, 1.9.52.
Charles J. O'Brien, gardening laborer, transferred to the Public Works Department on December 5, 1951.
Coleman Curran, scytheman, transferred to Public Works Department on January 9, 1952.
Ida Holmes, matron, transferred to the Public Buildings Department on December 19, 1951.

Leave of Absence:

Simon Liebster, laborer, granted leave of absence for three months from January 23, 1952 because of illness.

Resignation:

Sophie Springer, matron, resigned because of ill health, January 29, 1952.

Retirements:

James J. Roche, teamster, January 29, 1952
Arthur E. Mayo, laborer-chauffeur, January 22, 1952
William Fallon, laborer, December 31, 1951
Louise J. Brophy, matron, December 31, 1951.

Deaths

Emilio Seghezzi, laborer, January 16, 1952
Patrick Coggins, gardening laborer, December 18, 1951

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BUDGET NOTES:

The following budget appropriations were presented to the Board for information and discussion:

Park Budget

1950 Exp.	1951 Approp.	1951 Exp.
$2,748,534.62	$2,931,995.00*	$2,977,401.25

1952 Est.	1952 Allowed by Mayor
$3,845,436.75	$3,216,649.00 (Before Council hearing)

*In addition we spend approximately $130,000 from the Parkman Fund for maintenance. This has been deducted from our budget by the Budget Commissioner.

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Cemetery Div. Budget

1950 Exp.	1951 Approp.	1951 Exp.
$ 143,791.43	$165,010.81	$ 164,576.48

1952 Est.	1952 Allowed by Mayor
$ 297,764.88	$ 241,843.08

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The meeting was adjourned at 1.35 o'clock p. m.

Arthur J O'Keefe
Secretary

April 1, 1952

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, today, at 11.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Voted to dispense with the reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Special Drafts

Voted, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment:

2.6.52	Park Division.........	$ 359.25
	Cem. Division........	50.05
3.10.52	Park Division........	378.84
	Cem. Division........	45.45

Lashua Portable Lighting Co., - Second and final payment under contract for floodlighting football fields	750.00
Fred Ralston & Co. - Second payment under contract for Removal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston	5,737.50

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Permits (Building)

Voted, to approve the following building permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

229 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from school to fraternity house.

480 " " - Change occupancy from single-family dwelling to Hotel Kenmore annex for storage purposes.

70 " " - Change occupancy from guest house to guest house and three families.

2013 " " - Change occupancy from three apartments to six apartments.

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Permits (Cont.)

18 Commonwealth Avenue	- Change occupancy from lodging house to eleven apartments.
1293 " "	- Change occupancy from four families to eight families.
536-538 Beacon Street	- Install Kool-Vent aluminum awning over present concrete terrace.

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Agreements and Licenses

Voted, to approve a license to Carnig's Ice Cream Company, 877 Washington Street, Boston, for the sale of ice cream, candies, etc., at Franklin Field, Dorchester; Town Field, Dorchester; Area at entrance to the Aquarium and on playground in rear of Aquarium; Eustis Street Playground; Lester J. Rotch Playground; North End Park; Fens Stadium; Carter Street Playground; all for the term of one year from May 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953, at a fee of $25 per location or a total sum of $200.

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Voted, to approve a license to Walter J. Phipps, 99 East Canton Street, Boston, to operate the golf professional and sports shop privilege at Franklin Park Golf Course for a term of one year from May 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953, for a fee of $25.00.

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Voted, to approve a permit to Boston Bowling Green Club for the use of the Franklin Field Bowling Greens during the season of 1952 for a fee of $250.00.

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the office of the Park Department on February 26, 1952 for "GRADING AND IMPROVEMENTS AT BACK BAY SERVICE YARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS", as follows:

Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale....	$4,892.75
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain...	5,157.50
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	5,185.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	5,488.75
M. Solimando, 584 Columbia Road, Dorchester	5,521.00
J. F. Stack & Co., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	5,858.25
Eastern Roads Co., Inc., 101 Terrace Street, Boston	6,338.75
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain...	6,998.80

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Road, Roslindale, for the approximate sum of $4,892.75, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue, 1-31-14".

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The National Production Authority has under date of March 17, 1952, issued notice of authority to commence construction and has allotted certain controlled materials for the following Park Department contracts:

"Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts", - contractor, Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., 30 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

"Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester, Massachusetts", - contractor, Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain.

Contracts for construction work at both locations were awarded at meeting of Board on December 6, 1951.

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Land Transfers

Walsh Playground. At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners on December 6, 1951, it was voted to abandon 2496 square feet of land on Washington Street, Dorchester, at the William Gary Walsh Playground, which is no longer required for park purposes. The land reverted to the Board of Real Estate Commissioners.

Under date of February 4, 1952 the City Council passed an order transferring said land to the custody of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners and it was approved by the Mayor on February 5, 1952.

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Franklin Field. At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners on December 6, 1951 it was voted to sell 1,210,492 square feet of land in the section of Boston known as Franklin Field to the Boston Housing Authority for the sum of $165,750.

Approved by City Council Order on February 25, 1952 and by the Mayor on March 25, 1952.

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Douglas Court. At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners on December 6, 1952, it was voted to make a request on the Board of Real Estate Commissioners for the transfer to the custody of the Park Department of a small parcel of land at Nos. 4 and 5 Douglas Court, North End, for development as a small children's play area.

The Board of Real Estate Commissioners in meeting held on February 11, 1952 voted to transfer the said land to the Park Commissioners as requested. A letter was then forwarded to the Mayor by the Chairman of the Park Commissioners asking that he arrange for the necessary City Council Order and subsequent approval to effect the transfer.

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Cumston Street. On January 17, 1952 the Board of Real Estate Commissioners voted to transfer to the Park Department for playground purposes a tract of land containing 730 square feet on the northwesterly side of Cumston Street, numbered 4 Cumston Street. Passed in City Council February 4, 1952 and approved by the Mayor on February 5, 1952.

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Mt. Hope War Memorial

The Board of Park Commissioners in meeting on February 6, 1952 discussed the contemplated veterans' memorial to be erected in Mt. Hope Cemetery at a cost of approximately $35,000. The Board suggested that the Chairman write to the Mayor and endeavor to obtain the necessary funds from the George Robert White Fund.

A report has been received from the Trustees of the Fund, stating:

> "A communication addressed to His Honor the Mayor, dated January 21, 1952, from Frank R. Kelley, Chairman Park Department, requesting that the Income of the Fund be expended for the establishment of a war memorial on the Veterans' lot in Mount Hope Cemetery, was considered by the Trustees, and it was
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> "Voted: That in accordance with the Terms of the Will of the late George Robert White the communication be laid on the table for ninety days".

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Concurrence

The Board agreed to concur in deed from the Commonwealth through the Metropolitan District Commission, to the Savin Hill Yacht Club, Inc., of 500,130 square feet of land with the buildings thereon on Old Colony Parkway in the Dorchester District of Boston, said concurrence being required by Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

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Refunds of Grave Payments

February 6, 1952. To Martin H. Smith, 2145 Washington Street, Roxbury, for return of Grave 93 Section G, Mount Hope Cemetery....$25.00.

February 13, 1952. To Lucy Harris, 23 Claremont Park Boston, Mass., for return of Grave 9860 Section F, Mt. Hope Cemetery....$25.00.

March 26, 1952. To Adina W. Smith, 4 Dilworth Street, South Boston, for return of Grave 2802 Section G, Mt. Hope Cemetery....$50.00.

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Miscellaneous Permits

The following permits granted for use of sections of Boston Common were called to the attention of the Board:

1. To Boston Public Library - Permit to locate Bookmobile on Boston Common opposite West Street, between the hours of 12 o'clock and 2 p. m. daily, beginning Wednesday, February 20, 1952.
2. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Dairying and Animal Husbandry - Permit to use section of Boston Common adjacent to Park Street as site for the "June is Dairy Month" exhibit to be held during the week of June 9, 1952.
3. Massachusetts Motor Truck Association, Inc. - Permit to use the ball field on the Common as site for a Truck Roadeo, on Saturday, June 7, 1952.

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Miscellaneous Matters

Use of White Fund Income for Construction of Zoo Buildings: The Chairman wrote to the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund requesting the Trustees's serious consideration of the use of a portion of the White Fund Income for the construction of new buildings at the Franklin Park Zoo.

The Trustees acknowledged receipt of the letter and agreed to discuss the request at their next meeting.

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Increase in Park Department Fees. The Park Department received a circular letter from the office of the Mayor, dated February 5, in which the Mayor asks for suggestions for obtaining new income to help defray the cost of municipal government.

Under date of February 14, 1952 the Chairman submitted to the Mayor a list of fees for permits and services in this department with suggested increases. No response has yet been received to this communication, but it is the opinion of the Chairman that the Mayor has the suggestions under consideration. Any recommendations of the Mayor for increases in fees will have to be referred to the City Council

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Miscellaneous Matters (Cont.)

Examination for Boating Manager's Position. Commissioner Lee discussed with the Board the recent open examination held for the position of Public Boating Manager in the Park Department. The department had been informed by the Civil Service Commission that only one person had passed the examination. The current manager, Leon Manfredi, who has been working temporarily, did not pass

Mr. Lee brought out the fact that the questions asked in the examination, in practically every respect, did not tie in with the qualifications and duties listed on the requisition and on the public poster put out by Civil Service.

In view of this circumstance, the Board voted to give Commissioner Lee the authority to call and interview Mr. Greehan, the Civil Service Commissioner, relative to this examination and to point out to him the apparent differences in the questions asked in the esamination and the published list of duties and qualifications, and further to state that the Board of Park Commissioners is of the opinion that a revue of this examination should be considered.

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Personnel Matters

Appointments - Eileen Bender and Alice F. McManamie, matrons at $46.17 per week, appointed February 27 and March 19, 1952, respectively.

Transfers - William J. Greene, laborer, to Boston Traffic Commission on February 14, 1952; Catherine McCloskey, matron, to the Institutions Department on March 26, 1952.

Promotion: Herbert G. Cleary from laborer at $55.25 per week to Storekeeper at $61.25 per week, February 20, 1952.

Resignation: Francis X. Sullivan, laborer, resigned March 25, 1952.

Retirements: Maurice J. Dinneen, James E. Phelan, John J. Burke, retired February 29, 1952; Felix Marchesi, retired on March 25, 1952, and Thomas Clark on March 31, 1952.

Discharged: Daniel J. Comerford, laborer, discharged because of long continued and unexplained absence.

Death: Edward Fitzsimmons, February 15, 1952; James E. Hunter, February 27, 1952.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1.40 p. m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe
Secretary

May 1, 1952

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of records of the previous meeting.

VOTED, to approve the payment of the following special drafts:

Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - 1st payment - Furnishing and Planting Trees on City Streets	$ 1,275.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment . . . 4.4.52, Park Div......	338.72
Cem. Div......	45.00
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - 1st payment - Furnishing and Planting Trees on City Streets and Parkways	3,340.50
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - 2nd and final payment - Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in South Boston District	1,608.75
Carriere Construction Co. - 1st payment - Grading and Improvements at Back Bay Service Yard	3,898.99
Fred Ralston & Company - 3rd payment - Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston	8,583.30

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Building Permits

Voted, to approve the following building permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

506 Commonwealth Avenue - Remove front windows in first story and replace with show window. Request of Abraham Kepnes.

274-276 " " - Remove back stairs, install new sprinkler system and new fire doors. Request of Professional Bldg. Co.

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1396 Commonwealth Avenue - Erect fire-escape on left front of building instead of side. Request of Israel Siegal. Voted to disapprove.

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Voted, to approve permit to Gulf Truck Terminal for construction of a driveway at the junction of southerly side of Columbia Road and southeasterly side of Mosley Street, in accordance with plans filed with this office.

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Parkman Fund

Voted, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor that he ask the City Council to transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund the sum of $48,000 which is now available, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$48,000.00

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Contracts

Tree Spraying

In April of this year invitation bids were solicited for spraying of trees on public parks and city streets, etc., by hydraulic sprayer and hand labor, and by airplane over large compact tree areas. The approval of the Mayor had previously been obtained to dispense with public advertising for bids because the delay in the passage of the 1952 budget left the department with no available funds with which to negotiate advertised contracts before the start of the spraying season.

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The following are the invitation bids received for spraying of trees on streets, parks, etc:

Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn St., Arlington	$ 9.25 per hour.
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp., 280 Bridge Street, Dedham	9.25 " "
R. D. Lowden, 1274 Great Plain Avenue, Needham	11.50 " "
Black's Tree Service, Inc., 95 Eastwood Circuit, West Roxbury	11.95 " "
Blueview Nursery, 32 Gaston Street, Roxbury	12.25 " "
The Davey Tree Expert Co., 43 Leon Street, Boston.	15.40

Voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to divide the contract between the two low bidders in order to expedite the work, one contract to be awarded to Superior Tree Service, Inc., in the sum of $6,000, and another to Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp., in the sum of $4000. Each company is to furnish a truck with hydraulic sprayer and three men to operate the truck and sprayer for the sum of $9.25 per hour. The spray material, either arsenate of lead or D.D.T. will be furnished by the Park Department. The contracts are to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, 1-41-43".

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The following are invitation bids received for spraying of large tree covered areas, such as Franklin Park, George Wright Golf Course, the larger cemeteries, etc. - a total of approximately 885 acres:

Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp., 280 Bridge Street, Dedham	$ 1.80 per acre
Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn St., Arlington	2.00 " "
Blueview Nursery, 32 Gaston St., Roxbury	2.00 " "
Black's Tree Service, Inc., 95 Eastwood Circuit, West Roxbury	2.20 " "

Voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Eastern Tree and Landscape Corporation, at the rate of $1.80 per acre, the total cost not to exceed $1600.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal Of, 1-41-43".

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the Park Department office on Tuesday, April 8, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., as follows: DEVELOPING BURIAL AREAS AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK, MASS., AND EVERGREEN CEMETERY, BRIGHTON, MASS:

Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., 358 Medford St., Charlestown	$4,367.20
Charles Callahan Co., 69 Zeigler Street, Roxbury	5,123.00
Walter Reed Corp., 161 Massachusetts Ave., Boston	5,379.00
Joseph P. McCabe, Inc., 509 E. First St., So. Boston	6,050.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	6,579.50
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	7,256.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington Street, Jam. Plain	9,202.00
Louis Recine, 290 Center Street, Newton	9,687.50

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Voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Atlantic Roads Company, Inc., for the approximate sum of $4,367.20, to be charged to Cemetery Division budget item 811, Special Item 33-27 Fairview Cemetery.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on April 15, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for RESURFACING THE PLAY AREA AT MEAD & LUDLOW STREETS, CHARLESTOWN, MASS.", as follows:

Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., 358 Medford St., Charlestown	$2,354.50
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	2,399.00
Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston	2,403.25
Louis Recine, 290 Centre Street, Boston	2,639.00
Larkin & Lambert Constr. Co., 61 Lithgor St., Dorchester	2,642.00
Warren Bros. Roads Co., 33 Cambridge Pkwy., Cambridge	2,759.00
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain	2,837.50

Voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., for the approximate sum of $2,354.50, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., 1-31-14".

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Voted, to approve the following change in contract awarded on October 22, 1951, to Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., for "Alterations to the Garages at the Back Bay Service Yard":

Deduction......$30.00.

Original Contract	$14,061.00
Deduction	30.00
Contract as of April 11, 1952,	$14,031.00

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Land Transfer - Old Centre Street

The Board of Street Commissioners has suggested to this department that the discontinued section of old Centre Street, from Centre Street to Walter Street, be transferred to the Park Department for the purpose of extending the boundaries of the Arnold Arboretum. The area is currently being used by the Public Works Department as a service yard but is no longer required by that department. The use of the area for the extension of the Arboretum boundaries has the approval of the Arboretum authorities.

Voted, to approve request on Board of Street Commissioners for transfer of the above-described area to the Park Department for the purpose of extending the boundaries of the Arnold Arboretum.

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Abatements

Voted, on recommendation of the Law Department, to abate the following claims, in part, for damage to Park Department property:

Alfred F. St.Croix, for damage to iron pickets in fence on Boston Common side of Beacon Street, by automobile, on February 20, 1952. Amount of bill, $135; abatement, $65; claim settled for $70.

James W. Christian, Jr., for damage to fence at Walsh Playground, by automobile, on January 30, 1952. Amount of bill, $150.00; abatement, $15.00; claim settled for $135.00.

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Refunds - Cemetery lots, graves and perpetual care

Refund to Roy S. Warren, 27 Linden Park Street, Roxbury, Mass.,
Lot 9099 Birch Grove--Mount Hope Cemetery ....$ 85.00.

Refund to Edward E. Johns, 4 Humboldt Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.,
Lot 28 Range 16 Spruce Grove--Mount Hope Cemetery...... $130.00.

Both lots returned to ownership of City of Boston.

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Cemetery Division General Fund

For several years $60,000 has been taken annually from the Cemetery Division General Fund, with the approval of the Mayor and City Council, and placed in the revenue appropriation, "Cemetery Division, Maintenance and Improvement Of", to be used for payrolls in the Cemetery Division. Beginning in 1952 funds for payroll requirements will again be appropriated to the regular Cemetery Division budget item 100 from the tax levy, and no funds will be used from the General Fund for this purpose.

The Board therefore voted approval of the transfer of the unexpended balance of $13,041.68 from the revenue appropriation, "Cemetery Division, Maintenance and Improvement Of", to the Cemetery Division General Fund from which it was originally appropriated.

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Land Taking - Mission Hill Section, for Municipal Building:

Voted: That pursuant to the provisions of St. 1951, c.728, s.2, that the control and charge of a certain parcel of land situated on the north-easterly side of Tremont Street, Roxbury District of the City of Boston, be transferred to the Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston. Said parcel of land is shown as Lot B on a plan marked, "City of Boston, Tremont St., Roxbury, Oct. 26, 1951, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department".

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Franklin Park Zoo

Relative to a communication sent to the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund requesting use of funds from the income of the Fund for the construction of new buildings at the Franklin Park Zoo, the Chairman received a letter from the Secretary of the Trustees, under date of April 23, stating that he was authorized to write to the Park Commissioners suggesting that a comprehensive plan for improvements of the zoo property with estimates of costs, when such information is available, be forwarded to the White Fund Trustees.

In connection with the formation of such plans, the Board designated Mr. Daniel J. Byrne, Chief Engineer of the Park Department, to visit zoos at Cleveland, Ohio, Brookfield (Chicago), Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, between May 2 and May 11, 1952, and also designated Park Commissioner Kelley to meet Mr. Byrne at St. Louis on May 8 and continue the survey with him.

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Concession Permits

L Street

Voted, to approve renewal of license to John J. Shea, 129 Norfolk Street, Dorchester, for the ice cream and refreshment privilege in front of L Street Bath House for a period of one year from May 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953, for the sum of $50.00.

Boston Common

A request of Carnig's Ice Cream Company for permit to operate an ice cream concession on Boston Common, at the Park Square entrance, was brought before the Board for consideration. The Chairman explained to the other Board

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members that a permit of this type is different than the one for the concession at the Charles Street center gate on the Common. He explained that the Charles Street concession is on Street Commissioners' property but abuts on Park property and therefore only the consent of the Park Commissioners is required.

The location of a concession at the Park Square entrance to the Common would be directly on Park property, but the Chairman explained that if the permit was granted, the concessionaire would not be allowed to enter upon the Common proper but would be confined to an area no larger than ten feet by six feet at the gate.

The Board granted the privilege to Carnig's Ice Cream Company by a vote of two to one, Commissioners Kelley and Haffenreffer voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Lee in the negative. The Board stipulated that in drawing up the permit it was to be specifically mentioned that if the concessionaire enters upon the Common proper, the permit is to be revoked.

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Boston Common Permits

Permission was granted to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company to hold its annual celebration on Boston Common, on June 2, 1952.

Permission was granted to the armed forces to hold an armed forces exhibit on Boston Common, representing all branches of the service, on May 12 to 18, 1952.

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Public Garden Permit

A hearing was granted at this meeting to the committee which is in charge of the first public art festival in which the City and the Mayor are co-sponsors. The committee requested permission to hold the festival on the Public Garden from June 2 to 6 inclusive.

After a long discussion as to the advisability of allowing this festival to be held on the Public Garden, it was voted by the Board to have Mr. Sidney Shurcliffe, landscape architect, Mr. James A. Walsh, Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. William Kerr, Assistant Corporation Counsel, visit the Public Garden to decide on a location for the exhibit and then submit a letter, with plan, requesting permission to use the location selected for the festival.

The committee was definitely informed at this meeting that in no way do the Park Department rules and regulations allow the selling of any programs or pictures on the Public Garden during the exhibit. Mr. Kerr explained in detail the reasons under the law why permission to sell programs or offer articles for sale could not be allowed.

The Board voted to leave the matter of granting a permit with the necessary restrictions in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners.

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Personnel Matters

Permanent Appointments - Andrew C. DiDio, Paul V. Gregorio, Edward J. Kelly, Edward P. Joyce, Maurice J. Skerry and Francis B. Fitzgerald, (laborers) at $55.25 per week.

Transfers: - John P. Fitzgerald transferred to Park Department from City Hospital, and Patrick J. Flaherty transferred from Public Works Department as laborers at $55.25 per week.

Promotions - Harry L. Maguire, foreman of trees, from $62.53 to $66.37 per week effective April 9; and John Freitas, gasoline engine operator to foreman (temporary) from $61.25 to $66.37 per week as of April 9, 1952.

Resignations - Phyllis MacNeil and Marilyn Swiadon, temporary leaders of athletic activities, resigned on April 15; Catherine E. Higgins, matron, resigned on April 22, 1952; Nuncio Runci, laborer, resigned on April 10, 1952.

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on April 29, 1952, at 2 o(clock p. m., for RECONSTRUCTING ASPHALT TENNIS COURTS AT SAVIN HILL PARK, GRAMPIAN WAY, DORCHESTER, MASS.", as follows:

Charles Callahan Co., 60 Zeigler St., Roxbury	$6,021.00
Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston	6,538.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jam. Plain	6,577.50
John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Boston	6,720.00
A. Singarella & Son, 22A Tremlett St., Dorchester	7,330.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	7,535.00

Voted, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Charles Callahan Co., 60 Zeigler Street, Roxbury, for the approximate sum of $6,021.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, Park and Playground Improvements.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on April 29, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for REPLACING DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS IN WALKS IN THE PARK SYSTEM, BOSTON, MASS.", as follows:

John J. Amara, 1019 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park	$10,100.00
A. Singarella & Son, 22A Tremlett Street, Dorchester	11,060.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jam. Plain	11,780.00
Rufo Construction Co., Inc., 1 Allen Road, Brighton	12,500.00
Joseph Vicari & P. DiSalvo, 56 W. Canton St., Boston	12,980.00
Angelo Todesco, 98 Roslindale Avenue, Roslindale	13,220.00

Voted, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, John J. Amara, 1019 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park, for the approximate sum of $10,100.00, to be charged to the regular budget item 266, Highways and Sidewalks.

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Other Matters

The Board members, Mr. Haffenreffer and Mr. Lee, were informed by the Secretary that, effective May 1, 1952, Mr. Frank R. Kelley had been reappointed Chairman of the Park Commission for a period of three years ending April 30, 1955, by His Honor the Mayor.

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It was voted by the Board of Park Commissioners to take due notice of the death of the late Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, Mr. William P. Long, on April 19, 1952, and to spread upon the records a note of appreciation of the great service that he rendered to the citizens of Boston during his fifty years' service in the Park Department, the last twenty-one years as Chairman of the Board.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 o'clock p. m.

Secretary

May 19, 1952. - Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Monday, May 19, at 3:40 o'clock p.m., relative to a request from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purchase of additional land in Franklin Park required by the Chronic Disease Hospital.

Present, representing the city, were Mayor John B. Hynes, Park Commissioners Frank R. Kelley, Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee, and Park Department Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. Representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were Dr. Valdo Gettings, Dr. Jack Ewald, and the Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, J. John Fox.

The meeting was called to order by His Honor the Mayor. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to act on a request he had received, through His Excellency the Governor, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Hospital Division, in connection with the chronic disease hospital now being constructed in an area of Franklin Park which was given to the Commonwealth by the City of Boston. The request was made by the Commonwealth for additional land on which to erect more buildings for the hospital. New plans call for three or more new buildings in addition to the one now being constructed.

The Mayor stated he was interested in helping the Commonwealth in this instance, as otherwise it would have to seek land somewhere else. He felt it is advisable to keep as many medical centers as possible in Boston.

Chief Engineer Byrne pointed out that the roadway system in the Forest Hills end of Franklin Park would have to be remade in many places, so as to have a continuous drive through the Park which could be kept separate from the hospital area.

The motion then was made by Commissioner Haffenreffer, seconded by Chairman Kelley of the Park Commission that the additional land requested for the hospital be sold to the Commonwealth for the price of $1.00. Commissioners Kelley and Haffenreffer voted in the affirmative, Commissioner Lee in the negative.

Arthur

Secretary

July 29, 1952

A hearing was held today, July 29, 1952, on request of the General Tire and Rubber Company for permission to erect a building at 561-565 Commonwealth Avenue to be used for sales, service, repairs and recapping of automobile tires and accessories, the building to be one-story in height with partial basement.

Present at the hearing were: - Representing the Park Department: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee, Secretary Arthur J. O'Keefe and Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., all of the Park Department. Representing the General Tire and Rubber Company: Attorney Monohan, and Mr. Bernard Baldwin and Mr. James Hagerty, executives of the General Tire and Rubber Company. Representing nearby residents of Bay State Road who object to erection of the proposed building: Attorney George B. Rowell of the firm of Warner, Stackpole, Stetson and Bradlee.

The Board listened to arguments for and against the erection of the building, as presented by attorneys for both factions.

It was brought out during the hearing that this area on Commonwealth Avenue is zoned for business and that the Board of Appeal in the Building Department has already stated that a building of the type proposed can legally be erected on the premises. However, the Building Commissioners have held up approval pending consent of the Park Commissioners and a decision to be rendered by the Superior Court.

Attorney Rowell, speaking for nearby residents of Bay State Road, informed the Board of Park Commissioners that the matter has been referred to the Superior Court on the basis that as this building is to be used for the vulcanizing of tires and that as it abuts on property of residents of Bay State Road, the odor from the vulcanizing of tires would constitute a nuisance to these residents. He further stated that a building of this type would reduce the value of the single-family dwellings on Bay State Road which abut on the Commonwealth Avenue site of the proposed building.

Attorney Monohan, speaking for the General Tire and Rubber Company, stated that the building would bring additional taxes to the City of Boston and that there is no basis upon which the Park Commissioners can legally refuse approval of the request.

The Board of Park Commissioners voted to take the matter under consideration and to render a decision at a later date.

Secretary

July 29, 1952

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Park Department office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 9.45 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Voted, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

Carriere Construction Co. - fourth payment - Grading and Drainage on John H. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston	$ 4,207.18
A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for supplies required in connection with their employment....Park Division	387.29
Cem. Division	46.40
William M. Drummey - Third payment - Architect's contract for Repairs to Park Department Buildings in the Back Bay Yard	231.95
J. D'Amico - Second payment - Constructing a Park at Commonwealth Avenue and Chiswick Road, Brighton	1,737.29
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - first payment - Alterations to the Garages at the Back Bay Service Yard, Boston	9,278.10
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. - first payment - Extension of Burial Area at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury	2,718.09
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - first payment - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	1,045.71
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - first payment - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	1,651.12
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - first payment - Airplane Spraying of Large Tree Areas in Boston	1,354.05
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - Second and Final Payment - Furnishing and Planting Trees on City Streets, Boston	225.00
Carriere Construction Co. - fifth payment - Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston	3,582.76
Fred Ralston & Co. - fourth payment - Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston	12,438.90
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery division employees for supplies required in connection with their employment . . Park.Div.	445.49
Cem. Div.	23.95
Carriere Construction Co. - second and final payment - Grading and Improvements at Back Bay Service Yard	688.06
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. - second payment - Extension of Burial Areas at Mt. Hope Cemetery, W. Roxbury	3,053.20
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - second payment - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	1,132.20
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - second payment - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	2,405.93
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - second and final payment - Furnishing and Planting Trees on City Streets and Parkways, Boston	589.50
Baker & Company, Inc. - first payment - Asphalt Surfacing of Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury	12,394.73
A. J. DeRoma - first payment - Grading and Sanding L Street Bathing Beach, South Boston	2,981.66
Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc. - first payment - Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground	9,652.50
William M. Drummey - third payment - Architectural Services for Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground	125.48
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - first payment - Furnishing and Laying Water Pipes in Franklin Park, W. Roxbury	3,296.21
John J. Amara - first payment - Replacing Defective Concrete Blocks in Walks in the Park System, Boston	5,012.62
J. D'Amico - third and final payment - Constructing a Park on Commonwealth Avenue and Chiswick Road, Brighton	986.68

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Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for supplies in connection with their employment . . . . . Park Division	$ 419.54
Cem. Division	55.73
Carriere Construction Co. - sixth payment - Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston . ..	7,049.61
Charles Callahan Co. - first payment - Reconstructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at Savin Hill Park, Grampian Way, Dor.	4,917.39
Charles Callahan Co. - first payment - Reconstructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at Rogers Park, Brighton	5,342.95
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - third payment - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	1,037.85
Fred Ralston & Company - fifth payment - Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston	8,675.10
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - third payment - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	1,222.09
William Drummey - fourth payment - Architect's contract for Field House and Locker Building at the William Barry Playground	75.10
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc. - second and final payment - Constructing a Park at Malden and Washington Streets, Boston	1,428.58
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. - second and final payment - Resurfacing the Play Area at Mead and Ludlow Streets, Charlestown . ..	353.99
Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc. - second payment - Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William Barry Playground, Charlestown	5,777.10
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - second and final payment - Airplane Spraying of Large Tree Areas in Boston	238.95

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Building Permits

Voted, to approve the following building permits referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

191 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from 14 apartments to 16 apartments. Request of Clara R. Drucker.
214 " " - Change occupancy from lodging house to four family apartment house. Request of Mildred Barone.
302 " " - Change occupancy from lodging house to five family apartment house, install sprinkler system.
342 " " - Change occupancy from five families and doctor's office to nine apartments.
1955 " " - Change occupancy from three families and janitor's basement apartment to six families and janitor's apartment.
2017 " " - Change occupancy from three to six families.

61 Massachusetts Ave. - Resash store front and install new partition dividing store into two stores.

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Parkman Fund Income

Voted, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor for transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund of the sum of $40,000 which is available, to be expended under direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement Of $40,000.00

Randidge Fund Income

Voted, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor for an appropriation of $1800 from the income of the Randidge Trust Fund, to be used for payment of transportation of children by bus and train, from Boston to Woburn and return, in order that they may take part in the garden program sponsored by the School Department at the Cummings Estate, during the summer of 1952.

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Randidge Trust Fund Income

Voted, to approve an expenditure of money from the Randidge Trust Fund Income, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, for transportation of children from the Industrial Home for Crippled Children to and from the Cummings Estate in Woburn, on a series of daily outings extending over a period of four weeks beginning Autust 4, 1952.

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on May 13, 1952, for FURNISHING AND ERECTING WIRE FENCES AND BACKSTOPS AT PARK DEPARTMENT PLAYGROUND IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS", as follows:

American Chain Link Fence Co., 24 Ship Ave., Medford	$16,965.55
Providence Wire Works, Inc., 84 Sprague Street, Providence	19,574.30
American Steel & Wire, 360 Eastern Avenue, Malden	20,148.45
Wickwire-Spencer, 80 Federal Street, Boston	20,969.45
P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston	23,919.45
Boston Chain Link Co., 348 Adams Street, Dorchester	24,006.50

Voted, to award the contract, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the lowest bidder, American Chain Link Fence Co., for the approximate sum of $16,965.55, to be charged to Park and Playgrounds Improvements, etc., revenue.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, on June 18, 1952, for GRADING, LOAMING AND FENCES AT PROPOSED PLAYGROUND, SORRENTO STREET, BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS, as follows:

A. J. DeRoma, 35 Grew Avenue, Roslindale	$ 8,935.20
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	9,431.40
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	10,138.00
J. D'Amico, Inc., 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	10,143.00
Cox & Whitmore, Inc., 691 Washington St., Dedham	10,277.60

Voted, to award the contract, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the lowest bidder, A. J. DeRoma, 35 Grew Avenue, Roslindale, for the approximate sum of $8,935.20, to be charged to the special appropriation, Park and Playground Improvements, etc., 1-31-14.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on July 22, 1952, for ASPHALT RESURFACING OF REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON, as follows:

Charles Callahan Co., 69 Zeigler Street, Roxbury	$ 5,230.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jamaica Plain	5,600.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	5,660.00
Cronin & Horigan, Inc., 111 Woodhaven St., Mattapan	5,829.00
John J. Amara, 1019 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park	5,885.00

Voted, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Charles Callahan Co., for the approximate sum of $5,230.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, Park and Playground Improvements, etc., revenue.

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Invitation proposals were publicly opened and read at this office, 33 Beacon Street, on July 7, 1952, for STAKING AND ROPING 8 PLAYGROUNDS FOR NIGHT BASEBALL GAMES, 10 FOR SUNDAY FOOTBALL GAMES AND 21 FOR NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES DURING THE 1952 SEASON, as follows:

F. C. Dolan and Sons, 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain	$ 4,970.00
Construction Units, Inc., 199 Washington St., Boston	5,815.00
Rich Bros. Construction Co., Inc., 410 Park Sq. Bldg., Bos.	6,520.00

Voted, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award to lowest

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bidder, F. C. Dolan and Sons, 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, for the sum of $4970.00, to be charged to budget item 299. Prior approval of the Mayor had been received to dispense with public advertising for bids.

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Voted, to approve award of a contract to the Lashua Portable Lighting Inc., 594 Washington Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts, for floodlighting 21 night football games and 8 night baseball games during the 1952 season, at the rate of $200 per football game and $150 per baseball game, or a total for the season of $5400.00, to be charged to item 299 in the Park Department budget. Approval of the Mayor had been obtained to dispense with public advertising for bids.

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Extensions of Time on Contracts

Voted, to approve the following extensions of time on contracts:

Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston, contractor - Carriere Construction Co., - to August 1, 1952.

Asphalt Surfacing of Walks in Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass., contractor - Baker & Co., Inc. - to June 20, 1952.

Extension of Burial Areas at Mount Hope Cemetery, W. Roxbury, contractor - Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., - to June 15, 1952.

Developing Burial Areas at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, and at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Mass. - contractor, Atlantic Roads Co., Inc., - to July 15, 1952.

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Concession - Ice Cream

Voted, to award a license to Domenic G. D'Ippolito of 371 Hanover Street, Boston, for the exclusive right to sell ice cream, candies, etc., in the concession room at North End Park Bath House and North End Park, for the period beginning July 28, 1952 and ending December 31, 1952. The licensee is to pay for this privilege the sum of $25.00 for the term of this license. This license replaces one granted earlier to Carnig's Ice Cream Company for the same location but which was cancelled by the concessionaire.

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Boston Common Garage

A further extension of time for performance of the agreement for construction of the Boston Common Garage was signed by the Board of Park Commissioners on May 31, 1952. The extension is for a period of six months to November 30, 1952, and was signed by Motor Park Inc., and His Honor the Mayor.

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Abatements

Voted, to abate bill for $25 against John J. Cassidy of 19 Ashford Street, Allston, for damage to an elm tree by automobile. Recommended by Law Department.

Voted, to abate bill in the sum of $150.78 against Joseph Robinson for damage to Park Department property. Recommended by Law Department.

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Land Matters

Bradford Street--Wilkes St.

Under date of April 17 the Real Estate Commission voted to transfer city-owned land at 18 and 20 Bradford Street and 3-4-5 Wilkes Street, containing 4558 square feet, to the Park Department. The order to effect the transfer is pending in City Council and will receive early approval. In the meantime the Park Department will develop this area as a small children's play lot, badly needed in this section of the city.

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World War Memorial Park

A communication was read to the Board, from Edward H. McGrath, Commissioner of Airport Management at the Logan Airport, East Boston, relative to allowing the State Airport Management Board to enter upon World War Memorial Park and take property in accordance with Ch. 431, Acts of 1949. The area desired is the southerly end of World War Memorial Park. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Law Department.

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Sidlaw Road

Voted, to grant request of Board of Street Commissioners for an easement in 2646 Square feet of land under control of the Park Department, for the purpose of widening and relocating Sidlaw Road, Brighton district, from Chiswick Road to Commonwealth Avenue.

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Widening Beacon Street

The following Order of the City Council was called to the attention of the Board:- That Chapter 183 of the Acts of 1952, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Use a Portion of Boston Common for the Purpose of Widening Beacon Street in Said City", be, and hereby is, accepted. In City Council June 23, 1952, passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1952.

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Old Centre Street

In Board meeting of May 1, 1952, the Board voted to request the Board of Street Commissioners to transfer to the Park Department for the purpose of extending the boundaries of the Arnold Arboretum, the discontinued section of old Centre Street, from Centre Street to Walter Street.

No action was taken by the Board of Street Commissioners.

The Board of Park Commissioners voted to rescind its earlier vote for transfer of the above-described land to the Park Department.

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Personnel Matters

Voted, to approve the following personnel matters:

Appointments - Bernard D. Haney, laborer; Joseph E. McKernan, laborer; Harriet E. Monson and Catherine A. Corumbo, matrons; Vincent Connolly, laborer.

Salary Increases and Ratings - William C. Day, clerk-typist, from $51.03 to $52.95 per week, eff. Jan. 1, 1952; Charles Murphy from laborer at $55.25 to custodian at $56.78 per week, eff. April 23, 1952; Anthony J. Storella, from laborer at $55.25 per week to custodian at $56.78 per week, April 23, 1952.

Transfers: - James V. Shea, laborer, to Public Works Dept., April 23, 1952; Paul A. White, laborer, from Institutions to Park Dept., April 23, 1952; Charles F. Langone, laborer, from Institutions to Park Dept., April 23, 1952; Daniel J. McLean, laborer, from Institutions to Park Dept., April 30, 1952; Charles C. Satchebell from Hospital Dept. to Park Dept., April 30, 1952; John J. Connolly from Hospital Dept. to Park Dept., April 30, 1952; Margaret W. Doyle, matron from Hospital Dept. to Park Dept. on June 25, 1952; Joseph W. Stoddard, laborer, from Hospital Dept. to Park Dept. June 25, 1952; Pasquale Lanza, chauffeur, from Park Dept. to Public Works Dept. July 9, 1952.

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Resignations - Emil E. VonDrewitz, zoo attendant, April 29, 1952; Jeremiah Lyons, third-class engineer, resigned June 4, 1952; Eugene F. Bessetts and Alexander LaRusso, laborers, resigned on June 20 and 24 respectively.

Retirements and Deaths - John Coughlin, zoo attendant, retired April 30, 1952; Harriet Bird, matron, retired April 30, 1952; Augustus J. Devaney, gardener, and Nicholas Circoria, laborer, retired May 13, 1952; Catherine J. Lydon, matron, died on May 7, 1952; Timothy Kelleher, May A. Ryan, and Frederick H. Dunlap, retired May 31, 1952; Margaret Hartigan, matron, retired June 30, 1952.

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Miscellaneous Discussion Matters

North End Park Pier. The Board voted to approve the closing of the North End Park Pier, pending decision by the Board on the matter of making repairs to the pier and reopening it to the public, or removing it.

Finance Commission Report - Dover Street Laundry Towel Handling.

The Board discussed the Finance Commission's report on the method of handling towels at the Dover Street Laundry. Action on the matter was postponed until another meeting in order to allow time for Commissioners Haffenreffer and Lee to read and study the report.

Boating Program - The Board discussed the matter of extending the sailing program, now held on the Charles River and Jamaica Pond, to other nearby water areas. It was agreed that the program had been extended as far as was feasible for this year, but that next year serious consideration would be given to extension of the program to Dorchester, South Boston, and East Boston, provided funds are made available for new boats, equipment and additional personnel.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12.35 p. m.

Secretary.

September 4, 1952

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, today at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioner Theodore C. Haffenreffer.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

American Chain Link Fence Co. - 1st pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences and Backstops at Park Department Playgrounds and Parks	$ 3,711.78
John J. Amara - 2nd pmt. - Replacing Defective Concrete Blocks in Walks in the Park System, Boston	4,738.01
William V. Drummey - 3rd pmt. - Architectural Services for the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House & Locker Building at William Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester	137.93
Martin J. Kelly, Inc. - 1st pmt. - Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the Wm. Gary Walsh Playground, Dorchester	10,609.65
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. - 3rd & final pmt. - Extension of Burial Areas at Mt. Hope Cemetery	1,018.46
Carriere Construction Co. - 7th pmt. - Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston	3,515.07
A. J. DeRoma - 1st pmt. - Grading, Loaming and Fences at Proposed Playground, Sorrento St., Brighton	7,591.61
A. J. DeRoma - 2nd & final pmt. - Grading and Sanding L Street Bathing Beach, South Boston	526.17
Charles Callahan Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Reconstructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at Rogers Park, Brighton	942.87
Baker & Co., Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - Asphalt Surfacing of Walks in Franklin Park, W. Roxbury	2,187.30
Superior Tree Service Co.,Inc. - 4th & final pmt. - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	899.10
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for expenses in connection with their employment, Park Div., 8.12.52	411.87
Cem. Div. "	57.85
Charles Callahan Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Reconstructing Asphalt Tennis Courts at Savin Hill Park, Grampian Way, Dorchester	867.78
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. - 1st pmt. - Developing Burial Areas at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, and at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton	3,295.08
Eastern Tree & Landscape Corp. - 4th & final pmt. - Spraying of Trees in the City of Boston	600.00
Fred Ralston & Co. - 6th & final pmt. - Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in the City of Boston	6,925.50
Charles Callahan Co. - 1st pmt. - Asphalt Resurfacing at Rev. Father Buckley Playground, So. Boston	4,630.76

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Unfinished Business

General Tire & Rubber Co., Permit

The matter of the application of General Tire & Rubber Company for permission to erect a service building at 561-565 Commonwealth Avenue, which was discussed in a public hearing in the Park Commissioners' office on July 29 and which was held for decision until a later date, was again brought up for consideration at this meeting.

The Board voted today to take no action on the request until a decision is reached by the Superior Court, where action has been filed to restrain the Building Department from granting a permit to proceed with construction of the building.

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Dover Street Laundry

The Board considered the matter of new methods of supplying steam to the Dover Street Laundry and Bath House building for heating and laundry purposes, the present method being too expensive. It was voted to lay the matter on the table and to request Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., Chief Engineer, to ascertain from the Edison Company the cost of furnishing steam to the building and also to obtain an estimate of the cost of erecting a building on the vacant land adjacent to Dover Street Laundry in which could be housed boilers to supply heat and power.

It was also voted to recommend to the Real Estate Division of the City that immediate steps be taken for the disposal of the Fire Department power building in the rear of the Dover Street Laundry which is now used as a power plant, in accordance with recommendation of the Finance Commission.

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Building Permits

Voted, to approve the following building permits, referred to the Park Department by the Building Department:

1955-1957-1959-1961-1963 Commonwealth Avenue. Request for changing large apartments into smaller ones, made by Carley Trust-Alvin J. Slater.

212 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from lodging house to three apartments and two doctors' offices.

1789 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from four families to five families.

169 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from lodging house to two families and lodging house.

1396 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from 16 apartments and two stores to 18 apartments and two stores.

17 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from club rooms to offices and headquarters, and erect fire escape.

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Construction Permits

Voted, to approve request of Hotel Puritan, Inc., for permission to construct a sidewalk entrance and driveway through vacant land between 386 Commonwealth Avenue and the Hotel Puritan to a parking lot in the rear of the hotel. The purpose of the entrance and driveway is to relieve traffic congestion on Commonwealth Avenue and to make the hotel more accessible to its guests by providing parking space in the rear.

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Voted, to approve request of Boston Edison Company to construct and maintain underground conduits and vault, with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the surface of Commonwealth Avenue, westerly from a point approximately 350 feet west of Massachusetts Avenue, a distance of about 40 feet.

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Parkman Fund

Voted, to approve request on His Honor the Mayor for transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund of the sum of $18,000 which was available on August 19, 1952, to be expended under direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . .$18,000.

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Abatements

Voted, on recommendation of Law Department, to abate bill in the sum of $85.00 against Robert B. Ward for damage to Park Department automobile M-576 on December 6, 1951, to the sum of $75.00.

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Voted, to abate bill against Francis Chase in amount of $44.74 for damage to chain link fence at Preble Circle by automobile, on September 29, 1950, to the sum of $40 on recommendation of Law Department.

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Contracts

Invitation bids were received in July for TRIMMING OF DANGEROUS TREES IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE CITY. The approval of His Honor the Mayor had been granted to dispense with public advertising for bids in order to expedite the work required to be done.

Invitation bids received were as follows:

Superior Tree Service, Inc., 15 Littlejohn St., Arlington, Mass.	$6.25 per hour.
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp., 280 Bridge Street, Dedham	6.25 " "
The Davey Tree Expert Company, 43 Leon Street, Boston	6.80 " "
Blueview Nursery, 32 Gaston St., Roxbury	7.25 " "

The hourly price on each bid includes the furnishong of tree climbers, a 1½-ton truck without driver, and a power saw.

Voted, to approve dividing the contract equally between the two low bidders and awarding to Superior Tree Service, Inc., one contract not to exceed $10,000 and to Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. another contract not to exceed $10,000, the work under each to be done at the price of $6.25 per hour and men and equipment to be furnished as specified above. The total cost is to be charged to budget item 299.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Tuesday, August 26, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., as follows: REPAIRS TO BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND SUCH OTHER ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE BOSTON PARK SYSTEM AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:

Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton St., Boston	$19,780.00
Charles Callahan Co., 69 Zeigler Street, Roxbury	21,800.00
Baker & Company, Inc., 3475 Washington St., Boston	23,912.50
James A. Susi, 103 Providence Street, Hyde Park	27,455.00
Allstate Constr. Co., Inc., 7 Frederick Drive, Woburn	27,705.00

Voted, to approve award of contract to the lowest bidder, Central Construction Co., 228 Southampton Street, Boston, for the approximate sum of $19,780.00, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways, 1-23-19".

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Contracts--Extensions of Time

Voted, to approve extension of time for completion of following contracts:

Developing Burial Areas at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Contractor: Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. To August 9, 1952.

Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences and Backstops at Park Department Playgrounds and Parks in Boston. Contractor: American Chain Link Fence Co.. To September 15, 1952.

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Extensions (Cont.)

Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown. Contractor: Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc. To November 24, 1952.

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Refreshment Permit

Voted, to approve the granting of a permit to George Shore, 222 Tremont Street, Boston, for the sale of ice cream, candy, etc., at Columbus Park Stadium for the period from September 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953, for the sum of $25.00.

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Land Matters

Franklin Field Housing Land . For the information of the Board - the sum of $165,000 was deposited with the City Collector under date of July 31, 1952, to the account, "Sales of City Property", this being the amount paid by the Boston Housing Authority for 1,210,492 square feet of land in Franklin Park. The Board of Park Commissioners voted to sell this land to the Housing Authority in meeting on December 6, 1951. It was approved by the City Council on February 25, 1952 and by the Mayor on March 25, 1952.

It is planned to use this money exclusively for the development of new park or playground areas or on other new work within the department. This plan has been discussed with the Mayor and has his approval, and has been referred to the appropriations committee of the City Council for transfer to a special appropriation within the Park Department.

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Fenway, near Forsyth Dental Infirmary.

A communication has been received from Carl S. Ell, President of Northeastern University, asking that the Park Department sell to the University a tract of land in the Fenway, near Hemenway Street and adjacent to the Forsyth Dental Infirmary, containing approximately 43,000 square feet, to be used as a site of a home for the University president.

The matter has been referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion on the City's right to dispose of the land.

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Miscellaneous

Voted, that during the absence of Chairman Frank R. Kelley from the city, from September 8 to September 21, either Commissioner Theodore C. Haffenreffer or Commissioner Joseph Lee be authorized to serve as acting chairman of the Board with authority to sign payrolls and other necessary papers for the proper conduct of the department.

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Personnel Matters

Voted, to approve the following personnel changes:

Appointments: 15 laborers permanently appointed as of August 13, and two laborers as of August 20, 1952.

Transfers: Richard T. Ford to Public Works Dept, 8.6.52; William J. McMackin, tree climber, to Public Works Dept. 8.13.52; William R. Rooney, laborer, to Traffic Department 8.13.52.

Resignations: Michael Maslanka, temporary laborer, 7.30.52.

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Personnel Matters (Cont.)

Retirements & Deaths: Deborah Hallinan, William J. Guinee, Catherine Downey, retired July 31, 1952; Patrick J. Foley, custodian, died Aug. 19, 1952.

Discharges: Joseph B. McDonald, Eugene P. Joyce, July 30, 1952, for long continued absence from duty.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12.50 p. m.

Secretary

November 13, 1952

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Unfinished Business - Dover Street Laundry

In accordance with a suggestion of the Boston Finance Commission and with the knowledge and approval of the Board of Park Commissioners, the Board of Real Estate Commissioners sold at public auction the old Fire Department property on Bristol Street including the power plant which furnished steam for the Fire Department property and the Dover Street Laundry and Bath House building.

At its meeting on September 4, 1952, the Park Commissioners considered several sources of obtaining steam for laundry and bath house requirements, either by purchase or by erecting a power plant of its own. The matter was laid on the table for further study.

After a study of several methods, the Chairman entered into negotiations with the new owners of the existing power plant, the Albany Equipment Company, and obtained from them an estimate of $2800 per month for furnishing an adequate supply of steam for a period of six months or longer, or until such time as the Park Department can provide new quarters for the laundry in another building of its own.

At the Board meeting today, the Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal of the Albany Equipment Company and to request the Corporation Counsel to draw up an agreement with the Company for furnishing steam requirements to the Dover Street Laundry and Bath House building for as long as required, under terms and conditions outlined above.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on October 4, 1951, for ALTERATIONS TO THE GARAGES AT THE BACK BAY SERVICE YARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, as follows:

Martin J. Kelley Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain	$14,061.00
Chandler Construction Co., Inc., 230 Clarendon St., Boston	14,877.00
I. Tepper & Son, 27 School Street, Boston	15,375.00
M. Solimando, 584 Columbia Road, Dorchester	15,671.00
D. A. Rossano Construction Co., Inc., 401 Border Street, East Boston	15,776.00
Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., 30 Huntington Ave., Boston	15,900.00
Parkman Construction Co., Inc., 739 Boylston St., Boston	15,950.00
J. F. Stack & Co., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	16,777.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain	16,784.00
Faletra Bros. Inc., 115 Providence St., Hyde Park	17,456.00
Margill Construction Co., Inc., 73 Leicester St., Brighton	18,438.00
John Rugo, 149 Pleasant Street, Dorchester	18,744.00

VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Martin J. Kelley Co., Inc., 75 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain, for the approximate sum of $14,061.00, to be charged to the regular budget item, Park Department 269.

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VOTED, to approve an addition to contract of John F. Shea Co., Inc., in the sum of $75.00, for "Re-ROOFING OF LOCKER BUILDING AT FRANKLIN PARK, DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, as follows: Contract dated September 14, 1951.

Contract Price	$ 4,678.00
Addition	75.00
Contract as Standing	$ 4,753.00

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VOTED, to approve an extension of time to October 15, 1951, on contract of P. J. Dinn & Co., 278 Dover Street, Boston, for "FURNISHING AND ERECTING WIRE FENCES AT VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS", contract dated September 21, 1951.

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Land Taking, Concurrence, Etc.

VOTED, to approve a request on Board of Street Commissioners for the taking of land in the Hyde Park district of Boston for playground purposes, as follows:

> A parcel of land bounded by Truman Highway, Washington Street, and by a line about 100 feet south from and parallel to Faraday Street, and a second parcel of land on the southerly side of Faraday Street between numbers 19 and 43, containing about 21,473 square feet.

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VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners concur with the Metropolitan District Commission in deed of two parcels of land in Charlestown containing 10,041 square feet and 3,824 square feet, transferred from the Metropolitan District Commission to the City of Boston, one parcel being situated on Perkins and Haverhill Streets and the other on Union Street and Rutherford Avenue - as per plans filed in this office.

VOTED, also to concur with Metropolitan District Commission in deed of parcel of land on Rutherford Avenue, Charlestown, transferred from the Metropolitan District Commission to the City of Boston and included in taking dated August 17, 1950, described in Certificate of Title No. 53741 in Reg. Book 264, Page 141.

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VOTED, that the Board of Park Commissioners concur with the Metropolitan District Commission in deed from the Metropolitan District Commission to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, of 6228 acres of land in Stony Brook Reservation, Boston, (West Roxbury District).

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Abatement

VOTED, to abate bill in the sum of $50 against Mr. John Purcell of 77 Seldon Street, Dorchester, for damage to street tree in front of 21 Pleasant Hill Avenue, Dorchester, by automobile owned by Mr. Purcell, for the reason that upon receipt of further information relating to the accident, the charge against Mr. Purcell is believed to be unjust.

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Easement - Cummings Estate

VOTED, to approve an agreement executed by the Law Department with the Northeastern Gas Transmission Company granting to said Company a natural gas pipe line easement across the Mary P. C. Cummings Estate in Burlington and Woburn.

The request for permission to lay the pipe line through the Cummings Estate was made to the Board of Park Commissioners earlier in the year and at the Board meeting of July 3, 1951, the Board voted to refer the matter to the Law Department.

A $1200 consideration for the grant was agreed upon and has been received by the City Treasurer for application in accordance with the instructions of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County No. 68367 Eq.

The agreement was signed by the Mayor of Boston and the vice president of the Northeastern Gas Transmission Company on October 4, 1951.

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Personnel Matters

Permanent Appointments:

Tree Climbers (six) at $55.25 per week, effective September 5, 1951.
" " (Three) at $55.25 per week, effective September 12, 1951.
Civil Engineer, Gr. 2 - Michael J. Cotter, appointed September 12, 1951, at $54.86 per week.
Clerk-Typist - Dorothy M. Curran, at $37.60 per week, effective Aug. 22, 1951.
Grave Diggers (three) Daniel J. O'Neil, Paul Gray and Michael Murphy, at $55.25 per week, effective October 10, 1951.

Retirement:

Francis J. Turner, retired under Veterans' Retirement Act, August 14, 1951.

Reinstatement--Transfer:

Harry Damigella - Eng. Gr. 2 - Returned from leave of absence because of military service. Reinstated August 22, 1951.
Irene E. Hynes - Matron, reinstated as of August 29, 1951.
Catherine F. McCloskey - Transferred from City Hospital to Park Department as a Matron, August 29, 1951.
John F. Lane - Clerk and Photographer at $70.21 per week - Transferred from Public Works Department to Park Department, Sept. 5, 1951.
Eileen H. Bender - Transferred from School Department to Park Department as a Matron, September 12, 1951.

Resignation

William B. White - Fireman at $65.67 per week, resigned September 4, 1951.

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October 9, 1951

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at this office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 10.45 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

Records of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following special drafts were approved for payment:

Aloysious V. Halpin - 1st & final pmt. - Award for taking in fee of 9488 square feet of land on Atherton Avenue for the extension of Fairview Cemetery under order of May 3, 1950	$ 500.00
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees for transportation and other requirements in connection with their employment, 9.7.51..Park Division......	334.24
Cemetery Division..	62.73
Carriere Construction Co. - 1st payment - Grading and Drainage at John H. L. Noyes Playground, E. Boston, under contract of July 23, 1951	7,361.85
F. C. Dolan & Sons Co. - Second payment - Construction of Shelter and Sanitary Building at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, Massachusetts", contract of 11.21.50	10,557.77
Drummey-Duffill Inc. - Fourth payment - Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed Shelter, Sanitary and Tool House at the Cummings Estate, Woburn, as per contract of August 4, 1950	137.25
J. F. White Contracting Co. - Third& final payment - Construction of By-Pass Roadway between Park Drive and Riverway, Boston, as per contract of April 9, 1951	4,548.03
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - Third and final payment - "Spraying of Elm Trees in the Parks and on City Streets", as per contract of May 18, 1951	1,498.50
John B. Rendle Co. - Fourth and final payment - Reconstruction of Pile and Timber Fences, L Street Bath House, South Boston, Massachusetts, as per contract of March 30,1951,	3,269.97
William W. Drummey - First payment - Repairs to Park Department Buildings in Back Bay Yard, - contract of August 30, 1951	480.00

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Plans--Permits

VOTED, to approve plan, as submitted, for construction of filling station at the corner of Humboldt Avenue and Seaver Street, Roxbury, to be erected by the Texaco Company, this location being about 90 feet from the nearest entrance to Franklin Park.

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Voted, to approve following building permits referred to Park Department by the Building Department:

252-254 Commonwealth Avenue - Erect a connecting balcony on the second floor front for a second means of egress. Request of Morris Waller.

470 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from private school to offices, three apartments and beauty parlor in basement, fireproof stairway from basement to third floor - no structural change. Request of Charm Realty Inc.

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Plans--Permits (Cont.)

1288 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from six apartments to six apartments and massage salon and vapor baths - no structural changes.

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Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on September 4, 1951, for "CONSTRUCTING A PARK AT COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND CHISWICK ROAD, BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS", as follows:

J. D'Amico, 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester	$ 6,710.00
Faletra Bros., 115 Providence Street, Hyde Park	6,855.00
Carriere Construction Co., 21 Glendower Rd., Roslindale	6,860.00
F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth St., Jamaica Plain	7,250.00
Joseph P. McCabe, Inc., 509 E. First St., So. Boston	7,315.00
J. F. White Contracting Co., 201 Alewife Brook Pkwy., Cambridge, Massachusetts	7,580.00
R. W. Balam, 367 North Beacon Street, Brighton	7,942.50
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston	8,705.00
P. J. Joyce & Son, 33 Royal Avenue, Cambridge	8,797.00

VOTED, subject to approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, J. D'Amico, 49 Ellison Avenue, Dorchester, for the approximate sum of $6,710.00, to be charged to the special appropriation 1-31-14, Park and Playground Improvements, Etc.

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award to the Lashua Portable Lighting Co., Inc., 594 Washington Street, Stoughton, a contract for floodlighting certain playgrounds for night football games during the 1951 season, without publicly advertising for bids, for the sum of $5000, to be charged to Item 299 in the Park Department budget. The contract includes the floodlighting of 25 games at $200 per game.

The reason for requesting award of the contract without calling for bids is that the Lashua company is the only one in Greater Boston equipped to do this type of work. The company was engaged by the Park Department for the floodlighting of football fields last year and their price this year is the same as a year ago.

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VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award to F. C. Dolan & Sons, Inc., 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain, a contract for roping and staking playgrounds for Sunday football games during the 1951 season, for a sum not to exceed $4500.

The contract includes the roping and staking of 15 playgrounds on each Sunday for a period of seven weeks and the furnishing of all materials required, and necessary trucks and personnel, at a cost of approximately $40 to $45 per location. To be charged to Item 299 in the Park Department budget.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on September 11, 1951, for RECONSTRUCTION OF PARK ROADWAYS AT THE ARBORWAY, FRANKLIN PARK AND OLMSTEAD PARK, as follows:

S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Ave., Boston	$31,920.00
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jamaica Plain	39,735.00

VOTED, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the low bidder, S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for the approximate sum of $31,920.00, same to be charged to the special appropriation, 1-23-19, Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways.

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Special Drafts

Voted, to approve the following special drafts for payment:

A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees, 9.5.52	Park Div.	$ 392.15
	Cem. Div.	46.94
American Chain Link Co. - 2nd pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences and Backstops at Park Department Playgrounds and Parks in Boston		6,022.88
Superior Tree Service Inc. - 1st pmt. - Trimming of Trees in all Sections of the City		3,480.75
John J. Amara - 3rd & final pmt. - Replacing Defective Concrete Blocks in Walks in the Park System		1,720.70
Eastern Tree & Landscape Corp. - 1st pmt. - Trimmong of Trees in Boston		1,568.25
William W. Drummey - 4th pmt. - Architect's Services in the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House and Locker Bldg., Wm. Gary Walsh Plgrd.		285.86
Martin J. Kelly - 2nd pmt. - Constructing a Sanitary Building and a Locker Bldg., Wm. Gary Walsh Plgrd.		21,989.07
American Chain Link Fence Co. - 3rd pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences and Backstops at Park Department Playgrounds and Parks in Boston		3,877.63
A. J. DeRoma - 2nd & final pmt. - Grading, Loaming and Fences at Proposed Playground, Sorrento Street		1,339.70
A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees, 10.3.52	Park Div.	382.50
	Cem. Div.	49.70
American Chain Link Fence Co. - 1st pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Fences and Backstops at the J. H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston		6,943.77
Atlantic Roads Co., Inc. - 2nd & final pmt. - Developing Burial Areas at Fairview and Evergreen cemeteries		726.99
Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc. - 3rd pmt. - Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building, Wm. J. Barry Playground		13,563.00
William W. Drummey - 5th pmt. - Architect's Services in Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at Wm. J. Barry Playground		176.32
Eastern Tree and Landscape Corp. - 2nd pmt - Trimming of Trees in Boston		1,755.25
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - Trimming of Trees in all Sections of the City		3,213.00
William W. Drummey - 4th and final pmt. - Repairs to Park Department Buildings in Back Bay Yard		51.15
Fred Ralston & Co. - 1st pmt. - Loaming, Seeding and Tree Pits at John H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston		7,974.11
Charles Callahan Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Asphalt Resurfacing at Rev. Father Buckley Playground, South Boston		817.22
Eastern Tree & Landscape Corp. - 3rd pmt. - Trimming of Trees in Boston		1,470.07
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - 3rd & final pmt. - Alterations to the Garages at the Back Bay Service Yard, Boston, Mass.		1,403.10
A. J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees, in connection with their employment,- 11.5.52	Park Div.	389.62
	Cem. Div.	46.77

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Building Permits

Voted, to approve the following building permits referred to Park Department by the Building Department:

381 Commonwealth Avenue - Change occupancy from one family dwelling to five apartments.
390 " " - Interior changes to partitions, ceiling and floor.
400 " " - Hotel Somerset Corp. Make new openings into ballroom, one entrance from Commonwealth Avenue.

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Building Permits (Cont.)

1047 Commonwealth Avenue - Erect a Type I building for office and light manufacturing.
1351 " " - Change occupancy from two apartments and two stores to three apartments and two stores.
1402-1404 " " - Change occupancy from 8 apartments to 20 apartments.
1406-1408 " " - Change occupancy from 8 apartments to 20 apartments.

530 Commonwealth Avenue - Approval of erection of marquee to project 12 feet into the 20-foot private setback at this location.

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Parade Permits

The following permits were granted for the formation of parades on sections of Commonwealth Avenue:

Combined Masonic Districts of Greater Boston - permit to form on Commonwealth Avenue in the area between Berkeley and Gloucester Streets, on November 9, 1952.

Department of Massachusetts, American Legion - Permit to use Commonwealth Avenue between Arlington and Hereford Streets for parade formation, November 11, 1952.

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Parkman Fund

Voted, to approve a request on His Honor the Mayor for transfer of the sum of $30,000 which was available on October 1, 1952, and $25,000 available on November 5, 1952, from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . $30,000 & $25,000.

Contracts

Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the Park Department office on September 18, 1952 for FURNISHING AND INSTALLING HOT WATER TANK AT L STREET BATH HOUSE, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, as follows:

P. J. Riley & Co., 295 Highland Street, Roxbury	$ 3,685.00
Powers & Mehegan Co., 500 Broadway, South Boston	3,935.00
J. W. Praught Co., 1049 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester ...	4,136.00

Voted, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, P. J. Riley & Co., 295 Highland Street, Roxbury, for the sum of $3,685.00, to be charged to Park Department budget item 264.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at the Park Department office on September 18, 1952 for DEVELOPMENT OF BURIAL AREAS IN MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, as follows:

D. F. Frangioso & Co., 155 Savannah Ave., Mattapan	$10,086.35
William P. Herlihy, 564 Huron Avenue, Cambridge	10,372.50

Voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lower of the two bidders, D. F. Frangioso & Co., 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan, for the approximate sum of $10,086.35, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Extension of Mount Hope Cemetery, 33-26".

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Contracts (Cont.)

Voted, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to award a contract without publicly advertising for bids to Blueview Nurseries, 32 Gaston Street, Roxbury, for FURNISHING AND PLANTING TREES AT JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON, for a sum not to exceed $1950, to be charged to the special appropriation, "Park and Playground Improvements, etc., 1-31-14". The price per tree is to be $30, which includes planting, staking and wiring.

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Advertised proposals were publicly opened and read at this office on Thursday, October 16, 1952 at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for CONSTRUCTION OF RIVERWAY ROADS, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, as follows:

John McCourt Co., 910 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury	$65,932.50
Atlantic Roads Company, Inc., 358 Medford St., Chas......	65,966.50
Walter Reed Corporation, 161 Mass. Ave., Boston	68,885.00
Eastern Roads Co., Inc., 101 Terrace St., Boston	69,936.00
S. J. Tomasello Corp., 25 Huntington Ave., Boston	71,731.50
Baker & Co., Inc., 3475 Washington St., Jamaica Plain ...	72,389.00
Adams Asphalt Co., 53 Blanche Street, Cambridge	83,340.00

Voted, with the approval of the Mayor, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, John McCourt Company, 910 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury, for the approximate sum of $65,932.50, same to be charged to the special appropriation, "Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways (Park Dept.) 1-23-19".

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Voted, to approve the renewal of agreement with American Coin Lock Co.,Inc., Pawtucket, R. I., for operation of coin controlled locks in convenience stations and the staffing and care of convenience stations, on Boston Common, for another year beginning November 1, 1952, uhder the same terms and conditions as heretofore. The City is to pay for this service the sum of $2500 for the year, the same as in previous years.

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Land Matters

Franklin Field

An Order of the City Council was called to the attention of the Board of Park Commissioners whereby the sum of $165,000 was transferred from the special account, Sales of City Property, to a special appropriation, Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds, to be expended under direction of the Park Commissioners for the acquisition of land for public parks and playgrounds and for the construction of necessary plant facilities. The money was realized by the City from the sale of land in Franklin Field to the Boston Housing Authority, the sale being approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on December 6, 1951. The Council Order transferring the funds to the Park Department was approved by the City Council on October 20, 1952 and by the Mayor on October 21, 1952.

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Cleveland Circle - Cassidy Playground. The Board considered a proposal received at the office of the Mayor and referred to the Park Department, from private business interests, that a portion of Cassidy Playground at Cleveland Circle, which is little used for playground purposes, be sold for development as a business area and so add to the taxable property value of the city.

Voted, that decision on the matter be withheld until the Board members have an opportunity to discuss with His Honor the Mayor a general policy regarding the disposition of park lands.

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Wallingford Road--Chestnut Hill Avenue. The Board considered a request of the Ladies Helping Hand Society for Jewish Children for the purchase of part of the land lying between Wallingford Road and Chestnut Hill Avenue, to be used as the site of offices for the society and cottages for children. The land was recently transferred from the Public Works Department to the Park Department for park purposes and has been developed in part for play purposes.

Voted, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to have an appraisal made

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of the land herein described and that the Board of Park Commissioners be informed of its fair value.

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Chestnut Hill Park. The Board considered a request of Boston College for purchase of certain land in Chestnut Hill Park adjacent to Evergreen Cemetery for use as a site of the College law school building. The request had previously been discussed with the Mayor by representatives of the College and was referred by the Mayor to the Park Commissioners.

Voted, that the Corporation Counsel be requested to have an appraisal made of the tract of land in question and that the Board of Park Commissioners be informed of its fair value.

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215-217 Cabot Street. Voted, to request His Honor the Mayor for approval of a transfer of city-owned land located on lots 215 and 217 Cabot Street, Roxbury, containing 5760 square feet, from the care and control of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the Park Department, said land to be used as a location for underground fuel tank for Cabot Street bath house.

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Concession License - Castle Island

The Board considered the request of Mrs. Mary L. Sullivan for renewal of her license to operate the Castle Island refreshment privilege, and it was voted to renew the license for a term of five years starting January 1, 1953 for the sum of $1000 per year. The renewal license is to include the privilege of building an addition to the present refreshment stand measuring 8' x 10' x 8', to be used for storage purposes, and also the installation of a metal awning 20' x 3½' x 19", the cost of these improvements to be borne by the lessee.

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Contract - Resurfacing Commonwealth Avenue

The Chief Engineer explained to the Board the situation relative to the delay in the contract of Central Construction Company for the Resurfacing of Commonwealth Avenue, which was to be completed by January 3, 1953. The Board voted that the Central Construction Company be requested to give an explanation of its reasons for the delay and to state its intentions in regard to making a satisfactory completion of the work under the contract within the time allowed.

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Personnel Matters

Appointments: Leo F. Russell appointed permanent custodian at $56.78 per week, October 1, 1952.

Resignations: Carl F. Leoncello, laborer at $55.25 per week, resigned on October 7, 1952 because of illness. William A. Molander, temporary 3d class stationary engineer, resigned on September 30, 1952; Roy C. Christensen, laundryman at $58.25 per week, resigned to accept work in the Police Department, September 23, 1952. Thomas J. Conroy, laborer at $55.25 per week, resigned on October 21, 1952.

Deaths: Louis C. Kimpinsky, painter at $61.26 per week, died on September 8, 1951. Abbie E. Burke, matron at $46.17 per week, died on October 3, 1952.

Retirements: Jeremiah E. Sweeney, machinist at $61.25 per week, retired by Boston Retirement Board on September 30, 1952.

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Reclassification Plan:

The Chairman presented to the Board certain information relating to the reclassification plan for city employees in the Park Department, obtained as a result of his visit to the Civil Service Commission on Monday, November 10, 1952.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1.40 p. m.

Secretary.

December 11, 1952.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Park Department office, 33 Beacon Street, today, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present: Chairman Frank R. Kelley and Commissioners Theodore C. Haffenreffer and Joseph Lee.

It was voted to dispense with reading of the records of the previous meeting.

Unfinished business

Land at Wallingford Road and Chestnut Hill Avenue:

At the meeting of the Board on November 13, 1952, it was voted to request the Board of Street Commissioners to draw a plan of the area desired by the Helping Hand Society for Jewish Children, at Wallingford Road and Chestnut Hill Avenue, and then to refer the matter to the Law Department for appraisal with a view to determing the sale value of the land.

The Park Commissioners were informed by the Secretary the the request was made on the Street Commissioners and that they had promised that the plan would be completed and forwarded to the Park Department office within a few days.

Chestnut Hill Park :

Purchase of a section of this area was requested by Boston College. At the meeting on November 13, it was voted to request the Street Commissioners to draw a plan of the area and then to request the Law Department to appraise the land, so that the Board of Park Commissioners could have all necessary information before taking action on the request of the College authorities.

The Board of Park Commissioners was informed by the Secretary that the plan had been received and request for appraisal had been made to the Law Department.

Cleveland Circle--Cassidy Playground

At the Board meeting on November 13, 1952, the members of the Board discussed a proposal received at the office of the Mayor and referred to the Park Commissioners , from private business interests, that a portion of Cassidy Playground at Cleveland Circle, which is little used for playground purposes, be sold for development as a business area and so add to the taxable property value of the city

The Chairman informed the other Board members, at today's meeting, that he had discussed the matter with the Mayor and that the Mayor is opposed to the sale of any part of this playground and that he had referred the matter to the Park Commissioners for decision. The Board members were pleased to hear that the Mayor supported their views in opposing the sale of the playground property. No further action was taken.

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Unfinished business (Cont.)

Contract for Resurfacing Commonwealth Avenue: A communication was sent to the Central Construction Company complaining of delay in the completion of its contract for resurfacing Commonwealth Avenue and also of some unsatisfactory work, and requesting that an explanation be given.

A reply, received from the Central Construction Company, was read to the Board by the Secretary.

The Chairman then stated that no more patch work on Commonwealth Avenue would be done under this contract until spring. At that time a complete inspection will be made of the work already done and any necessary repairs will be made by the contractor and that the remainder of the work will then be completed.

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Special Drafts

Voted, to approve payment of the following special drafts:

American Chain Link Fence Co. - 4th & final pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Wire Fences and Backstops at Park Department Playgrounds and Parks in Boston	$ 2,402.17
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc. - Second & final pmt. - Furnishing and Laying Water Pipes in Franklin Park, W. Roxbury	625.46
D. F. Frangioso & Co. - 1st pmt. - Development of Burial Areas in Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury	8,136.21
Wm. W. Drummey - 5th pmt. - Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Proposed New Field House and Locker Building at the William Gary Walsh Playground	109.96
P. J. Riley & Co. - 1st pmt. - Furnishing and Installing Hot Water Tank at L Street Bath House, South Boston	3,132.25
Superior Tree Service, Inc. - 3rd pmt. - Trimming of Trees in all Sections of the City	1,748.02
Martin J. Kelley Co., Inc. - 3rd pmt. - Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the Wm. Gary Walsh Playground, Dor....	8,458.11
Eastern Tree & Landscape Corp. - 4th pmt. - Trimming of Trees in Boston	3,648.42
American Chain Link Fence Co. - 2nd & final pmt. - Furnishing and Erecting Fences and Backstops at the J. H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston	1,225.37
Arthur J. O'Keefe, Secretary - Expenses paid to Park and Cemetery Division employees in connection with their employment, Dec. 3, 1952 . . . Park Division...	445.12
Cem. Division...	17.80
Lashua Portable Lighting, Inc. - 1st pmt. - Furnishing and Operating Flood Light Equipment on a rental basis	4,590.00

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Construction Permits

The following building permits were referred to the Park Department by the Building Department. All were approved.

330 Commonwealth Avenue	- Change occupancy from residential hotel to home for aged persons.
390 " "	- Interior alterations, new ceiling, partitions, etc.
1526 " "	- Change occupancy from two families to three families, provide second means of egress.
1550 " "	- Proposed to build a service station, two-car lubritorium garage with the necessary signs and a retaining wall. Filed by Shell Oil Co.

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Parkman Fund

Voted, to request approval of His Honor the Mayor for transfer of the income of the George F. Parkman Fund now available, to be expended under the

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direction of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,
Maintenance and Improvement of $15,593.82

The Board then discussed the future spending of the income of the Parkman Fund and it was agreed that the Chairman would consult with the Mayor regarding the possibility of using some or all of this income for improvements to the Park System, in accordance with the terms of the will of George F. Parkman. The Board is of the opinion that this money should not be used year after year for maintenance payrolls.

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Commonwealth Avenue Mall - Parking

The Chairman discussed with the Board a recommendation made by certain groups in Kenmore Square that the Commonwealth Avenue Mall be used for parking purposes. Letter from the Trustees of Public Reservations, and the Chairman's reply to same, were read to the Board.

The Chairman stated that the question of parking on Commonwealth Avenue Mall had not been officially called to the attention of the Board of Park Commissioners, that the only information he had received came from a group of citizens that appeared before a traffic board on the matter and from publicity in the newspapers. The Board agreed to take no action until the matter is officially presented to it.

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Land Transfers - Dover Street & Douglass Court

The following Orders of the City Council were called to the attention of the Board:

1. Order of the City Council passed November 24 and approved by the Mayor on November 25, 1952, transferring approximately 2360 square feet of land on Dover Street from the care and control of the Fire Department to the care and control of the Park Department, for park department purposes.

2. Order of the City Council passed November 24 and approved by the Mayor on November 25, 1952, transferring about 640 square feet of land on the easterly side of Douglass Court, numbered four in the numbering of said Douglass Court, from the care and custody of the Board of Real Estate Commissioners to the care and custody of the Board of Park Commissioners for playground purposes.

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Boston Common Garage

The Board voted in favor of a further extension of time for performance of the contract for construction of the Boston Common underground garage for a period of one year, to December 1, 1953.

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Refunds

The Board voted to approve a refund to Mr. Thomas W. Burke, 73 Maple Street, Hyde Park, in the sum of $450, for return to Cemetery ownership of Lot 634, Fairview Drive, Fairview Cemetery.

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Contracts

Voted, to approve an extension of time to January 24, 1953, on contract of Eugene R. Eisenberg, Inc., for "Constructing a Sanitary and Locker Building at the William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown, Massachusetts".

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It was called to the attention of the Board that the contract with the Albany Equipment Company for furnishing steam to the Dover Street Laundry and Bath House was approved by the Mayor under date of November 19, 1952.

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Refreshment Concession - G. W. Clubhouse

Voted, to approve renewal of the license held by Mrs. Rita Corcoran of 10 Castleton Street, Jamaica Plain, for the refreshment privilege in the George Wright Golf Clubhouse, for a one-year period beginning January 1, 1953 and ending December 31, 1953, for a fee of $200 for the year. The present four-year lease terminates December 31, 1952.

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Boating Program

The Board discussed at length the reports submitted on the department's boating program by Commissioner Lee and Boating Manager Manfredi. It was agreed that the department should keep its main headquarters on the Charles River, make necessary repairs to the present equipment without incurring too much expense, and branch out ot include the Jamaica Pond program as a full-time operation in 1953; also to request His Honor the Mayor for an appropriation of $10,000 to cover the purchase of boats, float, incidental equipment, and salari of personnel to operate the Jamaica Pond program.

It was also agreed that the development of programs for boating in Pleasure Bay, South Boston, and Bayswater section, East Boston, must wait until some future time. Possibly, if conditions were right and the department could obtain the proper personnel and equipment and a sufficient appropriation, the program could be extended to Pleasure Bay in 1954 and to East Boston in 195

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Personnel Matters

Retirements: Patrick J. McDermott, machinist, October 31, 1952; John Walsh, gardening laborer, October 31, 1952; Louis F. Corbett, Senior Stock Room Helper, October 31, 1952; Philip Monahan, foreman, October 31, 1952.

Resignation: Charles H. Robare, temporary 3d class engineer, November 21, 1952.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1.35 p . m.

Arthur O'Keefe
Secretary